

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	July 2011	July 2012	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
U.S. City Average	225.922	229.104	1.4
Northeast	242.282	244.984	1.1
Boston	244.256	246.326	0.8
<b>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	222.686	225.568	1.3
Northeast	240.707	243.422	1.1
Boston	245.949	247.627	0.7

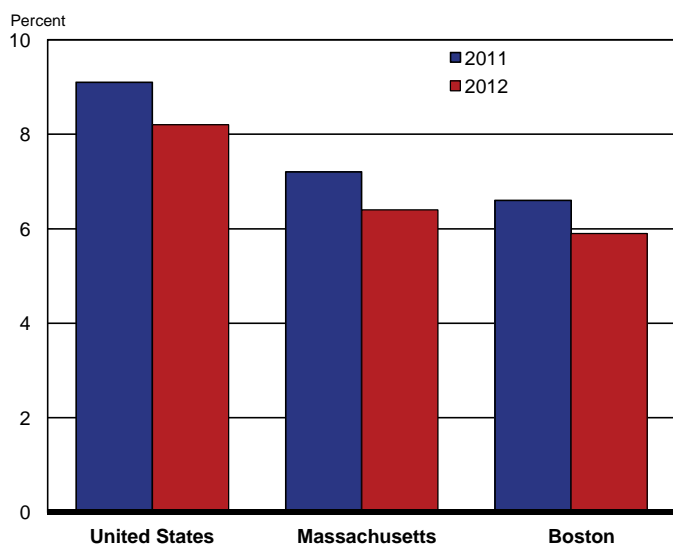
### Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.7	195.5	2.0
All commodities	203.2	202.6	-0.3
Industrial commodities	203.7	202.0	-0.8

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

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312.0	-9.4
Massachusetts	250.3	222.6	-27.7	-11.1
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	167.0	149.7	-17.3	-10.3

### Unemployment rates, United States, Massachusetts, and Boston, August 2011 and 2012



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

Index and area	June 2011	June 2012	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
New England	116.0	117.4	1.2
Boston	-	-	1.2
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6
New England	115.9	117.2	1.1
Boston	-	-	0.8

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	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278	133,092	1,814	1.4
Massachusetts	3,216.6	3,261.0	44.4	1.4
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	2,434.7	2,486.8	52.1	2.1

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

Industry	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	2,434.7	2,486.8	52.1
Construction	85.2	89.2	4.0
Manufacturing	196.7	200.8	4.1
Trade transportation and utilities	405.8	406.3	0.5
Financial activities	174.0	175.1	1.1
Professional and business services	406.2	428.8	22.6
Education and health services	484.0	494.0	10.0
Government	274.5	271.9	-2.6

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.