

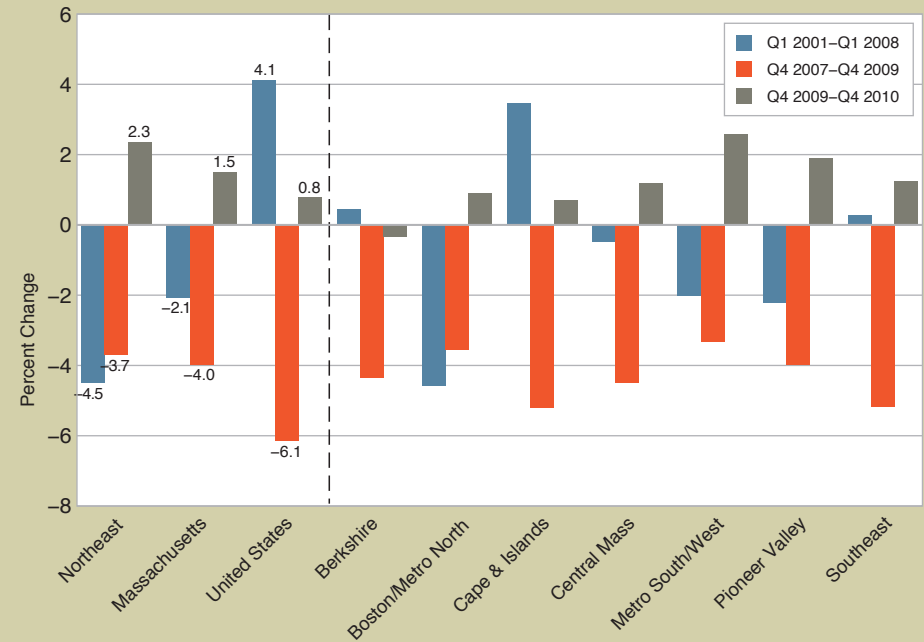
EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

While the Northeast region accounts for 16.2 percent of the state's population, the region accounts for 13.1 percent of the state's employment, or roughly 412,000 jobs. Over the past decade, the region's employment situation has been somewhat different than the state's. Employment in the region declined at more than double the rate in Massachusetts between 2001 and 2008. Both the region and the state experienced a more modest employment loss than the United States did during the Great Recession, and the region's losses were slightly less than those in the state (3.7 percent versus 4.0 percent). During the recent recovery, the Northeast region has had the second strongest growth among the state's regional labor markets (trailing only Metro South/West), increasing 2.3 percent between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010.

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) and Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development ES-202.

Note: ES-202 and QCEW are not seasonally adjusted. Therefore, comparisons need to be made across consistent time periods, such as the first quarter of one year to the first quarter of another. Comparison between different quarters will distort comparisons, as seasonal employment in industries such as Retail Trade and Leisure & Hospitality vary considerably across regions.

Changes in Total Employment



Distribution of Employment Across Regional Labor Markets, Q4 2010

