

WORKFORCE REVIEW of the NORTH SHORE

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Did you know?

Census shows new arrivals from abroad preserving Mass. population

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The Bay State's population barely changed this year -- again.

The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) estimated that Massachusetts gained 3,826 residents from July 2005 to July 2006 -- an increase of a fraction of a percent to 6.4 million.

"It's a relatively stable population," said Census demographer Greg Harper.

While the figures appear to show that Massachusetts has started gaining population again, after a couple years of small declines, Harper cautioned that the figures were based on estimates and the changes were too small to be significant.

"I wouldn't read too much into it," Harper said.

Regardless, the figures show Massachusetts is one of the slowest growing states in the nation, ranked 46th in percent of growth, the Census found. Arizona had the biggest increase in population with 3.6 percent growth. Louisiana ranked last, losing nearly 5 percent of its population in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Overall, the United States gained 2.9 million residents, an increase of 1 percent.

In fact, Massachusetts would have lost tens of thousands of residents if not for foreign immigration. The Census found that 49,528 more people moved out of Massachusetts than moved in from other states. But the state gained 30,285 from international migration. In addition, the state recorded 22,503 more births than deaths.

*If you would like to see detailed information on our immigrant career center customers please go to our website www.northshorewib.com to view a recent report issued by the Data Analysis Academy.

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Civilian Unemployment Rate	Oct-05	Oct-06	Percentage Point Change 10/05-10/06
<i>North Shore WIA</i>	4.4%	4.1%	-0.3
<i>Essex County</i>	4.7%	4.5%	-0.2
<i>Massachusetts</i>	4.3%	4.2%	-0.1
<i>United States</i>	4.9%	4.4%	-0.5
Civilian Labor Force	Oct-05	Oct-06	Percent Change 10/05-10/06
<i>North Shore WIA</i>	213,130	213,727	0.3%
<i>Employed</i>	203,798	204,890	0.5%
<i>Unemployed</i>	9,332	8,837	-5.3%
Where the Jobs Are (North Shore WIA)	Mar-05	Mar-06	Percent Change 10/05-10/06
<i>Total</i>	160,511	163,065	1.6%
<i>Goods Producing</i>	27,361	27,897	2.0%
<i>Manufacturing</i>	20,228	20,233	0.02%
<i>Service Producing</i>	133,150	135,168	1.5%
<i>Education & Health Services</i>	41,334	42,827	3.6%
<i>Trade, Transportation, & Utilities</i>	36,000	35,788	-0.6%

Source: Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development

Labor Force By North Shore City	Labor Force		Labor Force % Change	Employed		Employed % Change	Unemployment Rate	
	Oct-05	Oct-06	(10/05-10/06)	Oct-05	Oct-06	(10/05-10/06)	Oct-05	Oct-06
<i>North Shore WIA</i>	213,130	213,727	0.3%	203,798	204,890	0.5%	4.4	4.1
<i>Beverly</i>	21,541	21,650	0.5%	20,708	20,845	0.7%	3.9	3.7
<i>Danvers</i>	13,685	13,747	0.5%	13,157	13,216	0.4%	3.9	3.9
<i>Essex</i>	1,816	1,819	0.2%	1,756	1,768	0.7%	3.3	2.8
<i>Gloucester</i>	16,318	16,385	0.4%	15,545	15,648	0.7%	4.7	4.5
<i>Hamilton</i>	3,967	3,991	0.6%	3,835	3,861	0.7%	3.3	3.3
<i>Ipswich</i>	7,364	7,366	0.0%	7,083	7,130	0.7%	3.8	3.2
<i>Lynn</i>	41,707	41,667	-0.1%	39,327	39,503	0.4%	5.7	5.2
<i>Lynnfield</i>	5,740	5,773	0.6%	5,517	5,553	0.7%	3.9	3.8
<i>Manchester</i>	2,763	2,786	0.8%	2,686	2,704	0.7%	2.8	2.9
<i>Marblehead</i>	11,100	11,072	-0.3%	10,693	10,740	0.4%	3.7	3
<i>Middleton</i>	4,130	4,124	-0.1%	3,962	3,988	0.7%	4.1	3.3
<i>Nahant</i>	1,992	2,006	0.7%	1,917	1,925	0.4%	3.8	4
<i>Peabody</i>	26,627	26,678	0.2%	25,404	25,518	0.4%	4.6	4.3
<i>Rockport</i>	4,102	4,118	0.4%	3,968	3,994	0.7%	3.3	3
<i>Salem</i>	23,367	23,504	0.6%	22,430	22,531	0.5%	4	4.1
<i>Saugus</i>	14,416	14,513	0.7%	13,776	13,868	0.7%	4.4	4.4
<i>Swampscott</i>	7,753	7,757	0.1%	7,475	7,509	0.5%	3.6	3.2
<i>Topsfield</i>	3,020	3,055	1.2%	2,929	2,948	0.6%	3	3.5
<i>Wenham</i>	1,722	1,716	-0.3%	1,630	1,641	0.7%	5.3	4.4

Source: Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development