

495/MetroWest Suburban Edge Community Commission

The 495/ MetroWest Suburban Edge Community Commission was established by the Legislature in Section 233 of Chapter 119 of the Session Laws of 2015. The commission will study development challenges experienced by edge communities, including transportation, water, cellular, and energy infrastructure, transit services, residential development, reuse of former industrial facilities and historic mills, brownfields reclamation, downtown redevelopment and other such constraints. The commission will then develop policy responses and recommendations to ensure that edge communities can participate in state development initiatives and benefit from state resources. The commission will focus its investigation and study on the 35 municipalities served by the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, Inc. and develop a pilot program to address the issues to be studied and investigated by the commission.

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1.0 THE 495/METROWEST REGION

The 495/MetroWest region consists of 35 cities and towns in the Middlesex, Norfolk, and Worcester counties of Massachusetts (see Figure 1). These communities share geography and transportation infrastructure and grapple with similar challenges and opportunities related to infrastructure, transportation, housing, water resources, and wastewater, among other issues.

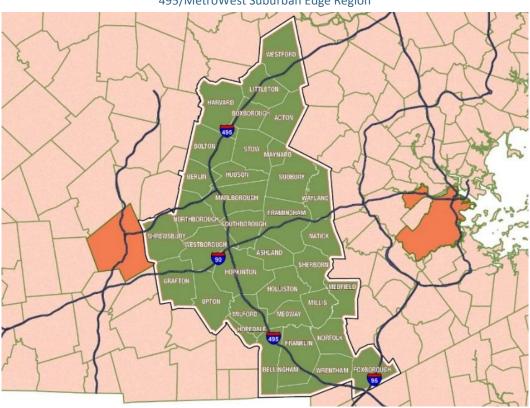


Figure 1 495/MetroWest Suburban Edge Region

Source: 495/MetroWest Partnership.

2.0 SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

Highlights

- The 495/MetroWest region's population increased by 43.8 percent from 1970 to 2015, compared to 17.0 percent statewide. The region's population growth continued to outpace the state's from 2010 to 2015, increasing by 5.6 percent in comparison to 1.7 percent for the state.
- The majority of the region's population identifies as white (85.1%), although this share decreased by 6.5 percentage points between 2000 and 2015. During the same period, the share of individuals who identify as Asian more than doubled, from 3.5 percent to 7.7 percent.
- The region's residents are more educated than the state's as a whole, with 54.8 percent having a Bachelor's Degree or higher, compared to 40.5 percent statewide.
- The vast majority of residents (92.4%) living in the region are U.S. citizens, with 85.1 percent being native citizens and 7.3 percent being naturalized citizens.

2.1 POPULATION

The 495/MetroWest region's population grew by 43.8 percent from 1970 to 2015, or an additional 187,148 residents (see Figure 2). This compares to a change in population of 17.0 percent statewide. The population growth rate of the 495/MetroWest region has continually outpaced that of the Commonwealth since 1970 (see Figure 3).

Figure 2 Total Population, 495/MetroWest Region, 1970–2015 650,000 614.598 582.122 600,000 552,821 550,000 490,545 500,000 455 125 450.000 427,450 400,000 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

Source: Massachusetts Department of Revenue Municipal Databank, 1970–2015

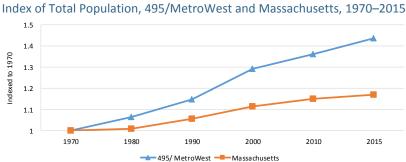


Figure 3

Source: Massachusetts Department of Revenue Municipal Databank, 1970–2015;
Public Policy Center

The communities experiencing the largest absolute population growth from 1970 to 2015 are Shrewsbury (+17,609), Franklin (+15,317), and Westford (+13,463). Each of the region's communities added residents from 2010 to 2015, with Franklin (+3,587), Natick (+3,256), and Framingham (+2,891) experiencing the largest increase in the number of residents over this period (see Figure 4). In terms of percentage growth, Franklin (+12.1%), Hopkinton (+11.7%), and Littleton (+11.1%) underwent the largest percent change in population from 2010 to 2015, although Boxborough experienced the largest percent change in population from 1970 to 2015 (see Figure 5).²

Absolute Population Change By Decade, 495/MetroWest Region, 1970–2015 20,000 15,000 10,000 5.000 -5.000 -10,000 Foxborough ■1970-1980 ■1980-1990 ■1990-2000 ■2000-2010 ■2010-2015

Figure 4

Source: MA DOR Municipal Databank, 1970–2015; Public Policy Center.

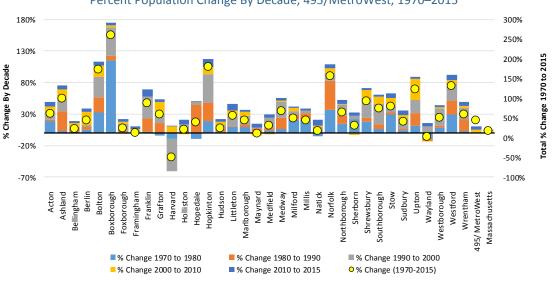


Figure 5 Percent Population Change By Decade, 495/MetroWest, 1970-2015

Source: MA DOR Municipal Databank, 1970–2015; Public Policy Center.

¹ The decline in the population of the town of Harvard from 1990 to 2000 is attributable to the closure of Fort Devens in 1996, which was converted primarily to commercial use.

² Note that summing the percentage change for each decade does equal the percentage change from 1970 to 2015.

2.2 AGE COHORTS

The 495/MetroWest region's population is well diversified in terms of age, with an age breakdown similar to that of the state as a whole (see Figure 6). Massachusetts and the 495/MetroWest region had similar shares of working class individuals; those who are between 25 and 54 years old (Massachusetts: 41.2%, 495/MetroWest: 41.7%).3 The percentage of school age children (5 to 17 years old) is slightly higher in the 495 Metro/West region in comparison to the state (18.7% compared to 15.4%).

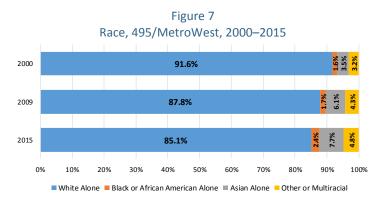
Age Cohorts, 495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2015 100% 6.7% 80% 13.5% 13.0% 60% 13.7% 40% 20% 18.7% 0% 495/MetroWest Massachusetts Under 5 Years ■ 5 to 17 Years ■ 18 to 24 Years 25 to 34 Years ■ 35 to 44 Years 45 to 54 Years ■ 55 to 64 Years ■ 65 to 74 Years

Figure 6

Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

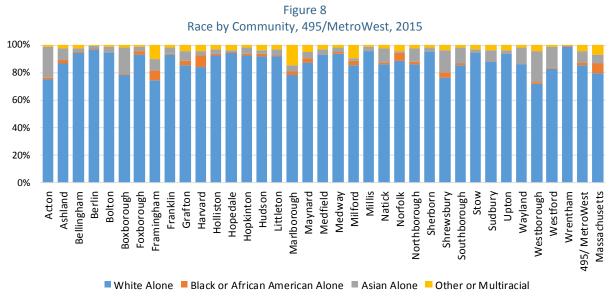
2.3 RACE / ETHNICITY

The 495/MetroWest region has historically had a high portion of residents who identify as White alone. Nonetheless, this figure declined by 6.5 percentage points from 2000 to 2015 (91.6% to 85.1%), while the percentage of those who identify with other races increased, albeit modestly (see Figure 7). Asian alone is the most significant minority portion of the population in the region (7.7%). Westborough, Framingham, Acton, Shrewsbury, and Boxborough are the most diverse communities in the region, with considerably larger portions of Asian residents in comparison to the state average (see Figure 8).



Source: 2000 Census, 2005–2009 ACS 5-year estimates, 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

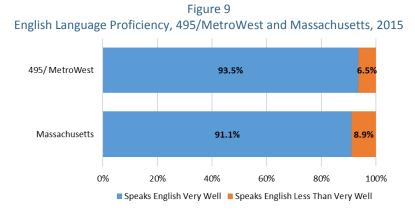
³ Defined by the Organization of Economic and Cooperational Development (OECD) as individuals in their "prime working lives."



Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

2.4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Nearly 94 percent (93.5%) of the 495/MetroWest population report that they speak English "very well," compared to 91.1 percent of residents statewide (see Figure 9).



Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

Several towns in the 495/MetroWest region have smaller portions of English proficient residents compared to Massachusetts as a whole (91.1% residents statewide speak English "very well"), including Framingham (83.6%), Marlborough (86.0%), and Shrewsbury (88.3%). Conversely, many communities have a very large portion of English proficient residents, such as Berlin (99.6%), Wrentham (99.3%), Stow (99.2%), and Upton (99.1%) (see Figure 10).

Figure 10 English Language Proficiency by Community, 495/MetroWest, 2015 100% 80% 60% 40% 20% 0% Ashland Grafton Holliston Franklin Framingham Hudson Natick Westford Hopedale **3ellingham** Wayland Maynard Sudbury Millis Southborough Norfolk Littleton Sherborn Upton Wrentham 495/ MetroWest Shrewsbury Westborough Boxborough Harvard Foxborough Medway Medfield Hopkinton Massachusetts Marlborough Northborough ■ Speaks English Very Well ■ Speaks English Less Than Very Well

Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

2.5 NATIVITY AND CITIZENSHIP

The vast majority of citizens living in the region are Native born U.S. Citizens: 85.1 percent in 2015, which is slightly higher than the statewide average of 84.5 percent. The region experienced a small increase in the percentage of noncitizens from 2000 to 2015 (1.5%), compared to a 0.5 percent increase statewide. Overall, the region has about the same percentage of noncitizens as Massachusetts as a whole (7.6% and 7.4%, respectively) (see Table 1).

Table 1
Nativity/Citizenship, 495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2000–2015

	4	495/Metı	roWest	Massachusetts		
		%Change				% Change
	2000	2015	(2000–2015)	2000	2015	(2000–2015)
Native	89.9%	85.1%	-4.8%	87.8%	84.5%	-3.3%
Naturalized U.S. Citizen	4.1%	7.3%	3.2%	5.3%	8.0%	2.7%
Not a U.S. Citizen	6.1%	7.6%	1.5%	6.9%	7.4%	0.5%

Source: 2000 Census, 2010–2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

2.6 **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

The 495/MetroWest population is more educated than the state's population as a whole. For example, 54.8 percent of the region's residents have a Bachelor's Degree or higher, which compares to 40.5 percent of residents statewide (see Figure 11). Overall, educational attainment levels have risen since 2000, with the percentage of residents age 25 and older with a Bachelor's Degree or higher increasing by 8.5 percentage points from 2000 to 2015. Conversely, the percentage of residents who have not earned a high school diploma 'decreased by 3.1 percentage points over this period (see Figure 12).

54.8% Bachelor's Degree or Higher 40.5% 45.2% Associate's Degree or Less 59.5% 0% 20% 40% 60% 80%

Figure 11 Residents 25 Years and Older Earning Bachelor's Degrees or Higher, 495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2015

Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

■ 495/MetroWest ■ Massachusetts

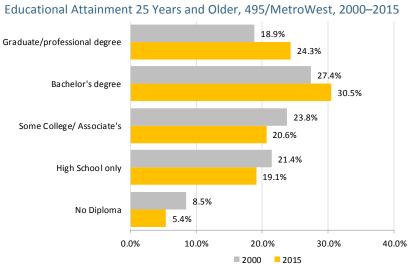
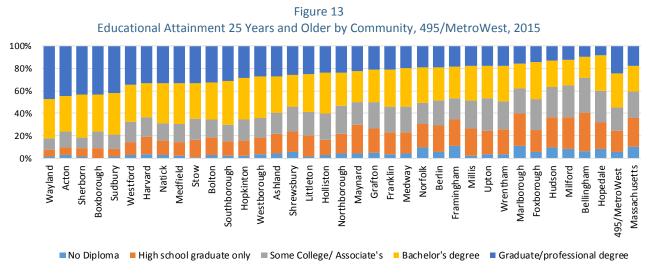


Figure 12

Source: 2000 Census, 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

Educational attainment varies from community to community, with the towns of Wayland (47.3%), Acton (44.5%), Sherborn (43.4%), and Boxborough (43.4%) having the largest portion of residents with graduate or professional degrees. In comparison, 17.7 percent of Massachusetts residents have achieved this level of education (see Figure 13).



Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

3.0 INCOME & POVERTY

Highlights

Overall, households and residents in the 495/MetroWest region are wealthier in comparison to households
and residents statewide. In 2015, the region's households had a median household income that was 159
percent of the state median and a per capita income that was 125 percent of the state per capita income.
Consequently, the region overall has much lower poverty rates in comparison to the state.

3.1 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

All communities in the 495/MetroWest have higher median household incomes than Massachusetts as a whole. Sudbury had the highest median household income in 2015 (\$165,745), followed by Sherborn (\$155,956) and Bolton (\$147,446) (see Figure 14).

\$180,000 \$160,000 \$140,000 \$120,000 \$100,000 \$80,000 \$60,000 \$40,000 \$20,000 Millis Natick Berlin Bolton Upton Marlborough Sherborn Wayland Southborough Norfolk Stow Acton -ittleton Medway Holliston Franklin Northborough Ashland Boxborough Wrentham Westborough Hopedale Shrewsbury -oxborough Bellingham Hudson Framingham Hopkinton Medfield Harvard Westford Grafton Maynard Milford 495/MetroWest Massachusetts

Figure 14
Median Household Income, 495/MetroWest, 2015

Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

3.2 PER CAPITA INCOME⁴

The inflation-adjusted per capita income for the 495/MetroWest region decreased by 0.5 percent from 2000 to 2015, while it increased by 3.4 percent statewide.⁵ Nonetheless, the region's per capita income has been higher than the state as a whole since 2000, and was 125 percent of Massachusetts' per capita income in 2015 (see Table 2).

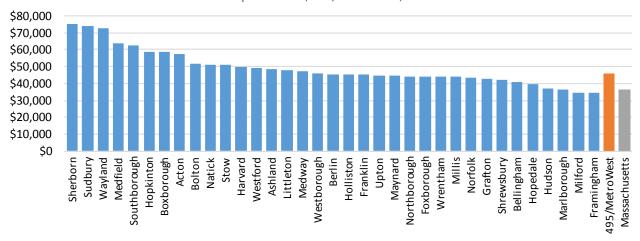
Table 2
Inflation-Adjusted Per Capita Income,
495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2000–2015

	2000	2015	% Change (2000–2015)
495/MetroWest	\$46,328	\$46,117	-0.5%
Massachusetts	\$35,678	\$36,895	3.4%

Source: 2000 Census, 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

While per capita income varies among the region's individual communities, all the region's communities other than Marlborough, Milford, and Framingham have per capita incomes greater than the statewide average (see Figure 15).

Figure 15
Per Capita Income, 495/MetroWest, 2015



Source: 2011-2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

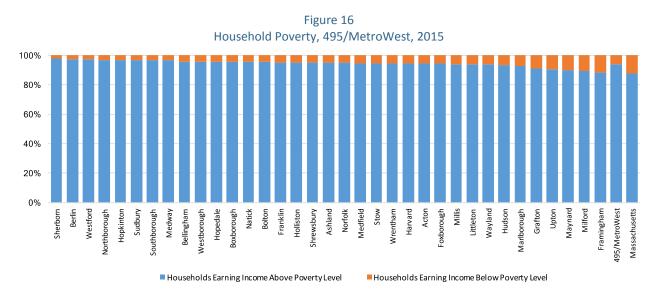
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⁴ Per capita income values for the 495/MetroWest region were calculated using a weighted average derived from the individual community per capita incomes and populations.

⁵ All per capita income values were adjusted for inflation to 2015.

3.3 HOUSEHOLD POVERTY

Only about 6 percent (6.2%) of 495/MetroWest region households earned incomes below the poverty level in 2015, compared to 11.9 percent of households statewide (see Figure 16).



Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

4.0 EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

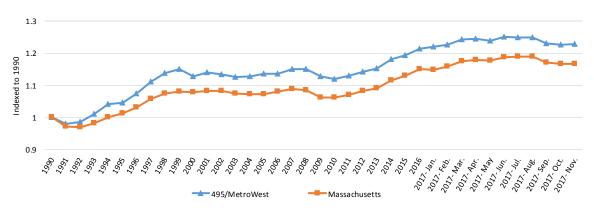
Highlights⁶

- The employment patterns among the region's residents closely mirrored the state between 1990 and 2017, albeit the number of 495/MetroWest residents employed grew at a faster pace in the first 10 years.
- The region's unemployment rate has been consistently lower than that of the state as a whole since 1990.

4.1 TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Total employment patterns in the region closely mirrored the state between 1990 and 2017, although the region's employment level grew at a faster pace in the first 10 years (see Figure 17).





Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development LAUS data (Not Seasonally Adjusted), 1990–2017 (Indexed to 1970).

⁶ This data measures the number of the region's residents who are employed, regardless of the location of their job(s).

4.2 UNEMPLOYMENT

The region's unemployment rate has been consistently lower than that of the state since 1990 (see Figure 18). The latest unemployment rate for the region was 2.8 percent (November 2017), which compares to a statewide unemployment rate of 3.3 percent.

10% 8.6% 8.3% 8% 5.7% 4.6% 4.4% 3.3% 4% 3.7% 2% 3.0% 2.8% 2.1% 0% → 495/ MetroWest Massachusetts

Figure 18
Unemployment Rates, 495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 1990–2017

Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development LAUS data (Not Seasonally Adjusted), 1990–2017.

5.0 JOBS AND WAGES

Highlights⁷

- An average of 360,840 jobs were located within the 495/MetroWest region in 2016, an increase of 3.0 percent in the number of jobs from 2001. The job total increased by 7.3 percent statewide over this period.
- In 2016, residents in the region earned an average annual wage that was 109 percent of the state annual average wage (\$69,263 versus \$63,261 respectively).
- Year-to-year changes in the region's average annual wage were in step with statewide trends since 2001, although wages were consistently higher.

5.1 JOBS AND WAGES

There were an average of 360,840 jobs located within the 495/MetroWest region in 2016, an increase of 3.0 percent from 2001 (+10,621 jobs). This compares to a 7.3 percent job increase statewide (+263,379 jobs) over this period (see Table 3).

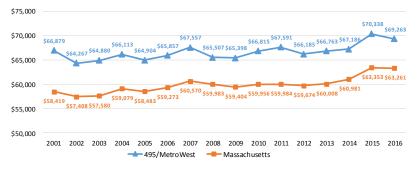
Table 3
Change in Jobs, 495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2001–2016

			% Change
	2001	2016	(2001–2016)
495/MetroWest	350,219	360,840	3.0%
Massachusetts	3,622,169	3,885,548	7.3%

Source: EMSI, 2001-2016.

495/MetroWest residents earned an average annual wage in 2016 that was 109 percent of the state annual average wage (\$69,263 and \$63,261, respectively). Year-to-year changes in the region's average annual wage were in step with statewide trends since 2001, although wages were consistently higher (see Figure 19).

Figure 19
Inflation-Adjusted Average Annual Wages, 495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2001–2016



Source: EMSI, Inflation adjusted to 2016.

⁷ Data in this section refers to jobs located within the 495 MetroWest region, as opposed to the previous section that measures the number of the region's residents who are employed, regardless of where their job is located.

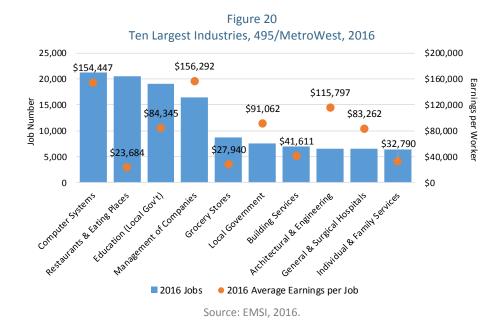
6.0 INDUSTRY PROFILE

Highlights

- The Computer Systems Design industry accounts for the largest number of the region's jobs (21,192 jobs, 5.9% of all jobs), followed by Restaurants & Eating Places (20,553 jobs, 5.7% of all jobs) and Local Education (19,091 jobs, 5.3% of all jobs). Computer Systems Design is also the fastest growing industry since 2010.
- Industry sectors related to Employment Services, Restaurants & Eating Places, and Individual & Family Services also added a sizeable number of jobs over this time period.
- Annual average wages in the top industries range considerably, with many of the smaller industries paying the highest wages.
- The region specializes in the IT & Analytics Cluster; with a location quotient (LQ) of 7.2, the region is roughly seven times more specialized than the nation. The region also has a considerably high LQ in Biopharmaceuticals (5.3), a cluster that has experienced a 21.1 percent increase in employment since 2010.
- Other industry clusters with positive growth from 2010 to 2016 and above average employment include Business Services, Medical Devices, Textile Manufacturing, Recreational & Small Electric Goods, Communication Equipment & Services, Distribution & E-Commerce Equipment, Education & Knowledge Creation, and Electric Power Generation & Transmission.

6.1 LARGEST INDUSTRIES⁸

Figure 20 displays the 495/MetroWest region's 10 largest industries in 2016 in terms of employment (based on four-digit NAIC sectors). Computer Systems Design accounted for the largest number of jobs (21,192), followed by Restaurants & Eating Places (20,553) and Local Education (19,091). Annual average wages range considerably, with many of the smaller industries paying the highest wages.



⁸ Please see Appendix A for industry descriptions.

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6.2 HIGH GROWTH INDUSTRIES

Table 4 displays the 10 industries by absolute increase in jobs between 2010 and 2016. The region's fastest growing industry is the Computer Systems Design industry, which grew by 5,155 jobs. Restaurants & Other Eating Places and Individual & Family Services also added a sizeable number of jobs over this time period. Corporate headquarters located in the 495/MetroWest region, such as BJ's Wholesale Club or TJX Companies, are represented in the Management of Companies Enterprise industry, which was the fourth fastest growing industry in the region from 2010 to 2016.⁹

Table 4
Ten Fastest Growing Industries, 495/MetroWest, 2010–2016

	2010	2016	Change in Jobs	% Change in Jobs
Industry	Jobs	Jobs	(2010–2016)	(2010–2016)
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	16,037	21,192	5,155	32.1%
Individual & Family Services	2,808	6,375	3,567	127.0%
Restaurants & Other Eating Places	17,182	20,553	3,371	19.6%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	14,692	16,381	1,689	11.5%
Investigation & Security Services	2,136	3,326	1,190	55.7%
Home Health Care Services	1,795	2,944	1,149	64.0%
Animal Production & Aquaculture	170	1,267	1,097	645.3%
Building Equipment Contractors	3,463	4,487	1,024	29.6
Education & Hospitals (Local Government)	18,110	19,091	981	5.4%
Other Amusement & Recreation Industries	3,566	4,520	954	26.8%

Source: EMSI Highest Ranked Industries – Fastest Growing Industries, 2010–2016.

⁹ The Management of Companies and Enterprises sector comprises (1) establishments that hold the securities of (or other equity interests in) companies and enterprises for the purpose of owning a controlling interest or influencing management decisions or (2) establishments (except government establishments) that administer, oversee, and manage establishments of the company or enterprise and that normally undertake the strategic or organizational planning and decision making role of the company or enterprise.

6.3 INDUSTRY CLUSTER ANALYSIS

Industry clusters differ from individual industries in that they consist of groups of related industries in a defined geographic area that share common markets or are interrelated in some way. Figure 21 highlights the largest industry clusters within the 495/MetroWest region in terms of the number of workers they employ. 10 Table 5 displays the 10 fastest growing industry clusters in the region from 2010–2016. Business Services is the largest industry cluter within 495/MetroWest, having a combined total of 51,095 jobs in 2016. This cluster includes industries pertaining to business management, business support services, corporate headquarters, computer services, employment placement services, engineering services, architectural and drafting services, and ground passenger transportation services. 11

\$175,786 \$164,582 \$180,000 60.000 \$141,766 \$133,299 \$132,248 50,000 \$150,000 \$117,781 40,000 30,000 20,000 \$120,000 \$93,462 \$86,656 \$90,000 \$60,000 \$25,782 10,000 \$30,000 Food Processing 2016 Jobs 2016 Earnings per Worker

Figure 21 Ten Largest Industry Clusters, 495/MetroWest, 2016

Source: EMSI- Industry Group Comparison- Jobs and Earnings Comparison, 2016.

% Change in Jobs 2010 2016 **Change in Jobs** Industry Jobs Jobs (2010-2016)(2010-2016)**Business Services** 43,750 51,095 17.0% 7,345 **Education & Knowledge Creation** 6,715 7,900 1,185 18.0% Hospitality & Tourism 4,118 4,881 763 19.0% Marketing, Design, & Publishing 3,084 3,777 694 22.0% Biopharmaceuticals 3,333 3,937 604 18.0% **Medical Devices** 1,122 1,641 518 46.0% **Performing Arts** 2,287 2,733 446 20.0% **Electronic Commercial Equipment**

Table 5 Ten Fastest Growing Industry Clusters in 495/MetroWest, 2010–2016

Source: EMSI-Industry Group Comparison-Fastest Growing Industries, 2010–2016.

17,951

1,762

521

18,340

2,046

609

388

284

87

2.0%

16.0%

17.0%

Food Processing & Manufacturing

Recreational & Small Electric Goods

¹⁰ The clusters analyzed in this section were based on the Michael Porter cluster methodology. See http://clustermapping.us/content/clustermapping-methodology.

¹¹ See Appendix B for more information on Industry Clusters.

6.4 INDUSTRY CLUSTERS BY LOCATION QUOTIENT

Location quotient (LQ) is a method that quantifies how concentrated a particular industry is in a region compared to the nation. Industries that have both a high LQ and relatively high total job numbers typically form a region's economic base. An LQ above 1.0 means that the region has an above average concentration of employment in that sector compared to the nation.

In 2015, the Baker-Polito adminstration released its economic development plan *Opportunities for All: The Baker-Polito Strategy and Plan for Making Massachusetts Great Everywhere*. The plan is oriented around 11 industry clusters in which Massachusetts competes on a national and international scale. Figure 22 displays these industry clusters and their corresponding LQs, with Information Technology & Analytics and Biopharmaceuticals having the highest LQs in the 495/MetroWest region.

Figure 22
"Opportunities For All" Industry Cluster LQs, 2015

	495/MetroWest	Massachusetts
Biopharmaceuticals	1 1.16	3.18
Education & Knowledge Creation	2.27	5.97
Financial Services	1.07	2.81
Fishing & Fishing Products	0.18	5.81
Footwear	2.98	6.30
Information Technology & Analytics	15.14	5.59
Insurance Services	1.21	2.99
Jewelry & Precious Metals	0.31	3.99
Marketing, Design, & Publishing	2.18	2.59
Medical Devices	4.50	3.67
Recreational & Small Electric Goods	3.40	2.20

Source: Opportunities for All; Author's Calculations.

Importantly, an industry may have a high LQ but low levels of employment or declining employment, and therefore may not be as vital to a region's economy in comparison to industries with lower LQs. Figure 23 displays the LQ for each of the region's industry clusters in relation to their size and employment growth from 2010 to 2016, which presents a more holistic view of the strength of each industry. The LQ for each industry is presented on the vertical axis, while the horizontal axis displays employment growth. The size of the bubble corresponds to current employment. There are four quadrants in the figure, with the top left quadrant representing Mature industries, the bottom left representing Contracting industries, the top right representing Expanding industries, and the bottom right representing Emerging industries.

The 495 Metro/West region specializes in the IT and Analytics Cluster; with an LQ of 7.2, the region is roughly seven times as specialized in the cluster as the U.S. as a whole. However, employment in the IT & Analytics cluster declined by 5.6 percent since 2010. The region also has a high LQ in Biopharmaceuticals (LQ of 5.3), a cluster with 21.1 percent employment growth since 2010. Other industry clusters with positive employment growth from 2010 to 2016 and LQs above 1.0 include Business Services, Medical Devices, Textile Manufacturing, Recreational & Small Electric Goods, Communication Equipment & Services, Distribution & E-Commerce Equipment, Education & Knowledge Creation, and Electric Power Generation & Transmission.

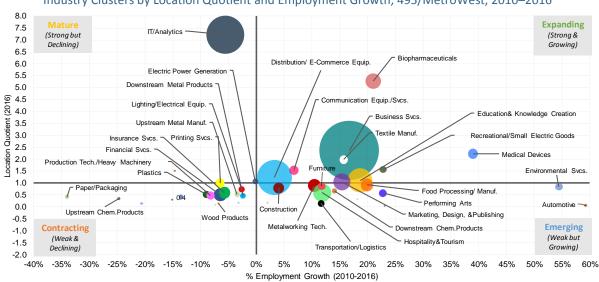


Figure 23
Industry Clusters by Location Quotient and Employment Growth, 495/MetroWest, 2010–2016¹²

Source: EMSI- Industry Group Comparisons, 2010–2016.

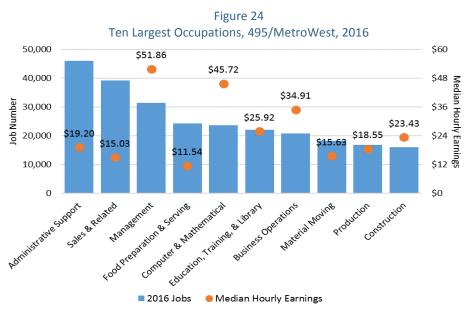
Jewelry and Precious Metals, Water Transportation, Metal Mining, Leather Products, Coal Mining, and Tobacco.

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¹² All traded industry clusters are represented as a bubble within Figure 20, however, clusters with fewer than 100 jobs are not labelled for presentation purposes. These include Video Production and Distribution, Apparel, Nonmetal Mining, Footwear, Oil and Gas Production and Transportation, Forestry, Trailer/Motor Homes, Livestock Processing, Music/Sound recording, Fishing,

7.0 OCCUPATIONS

The occupations within 495/MetroWest are wide ranging. Figure 24 displays the largest occupations in the region and the median hourly wage per occupation. Intuitively, the region's top occupations closely match its industrial mix. Office and Administrative Support (45,978 jobs) and Sales occupations (39,125 jobs) are the largest occupation groups. There are also several occupations related to knowledge creation and tech-driven industries, such as Computer and Mathematic occupations (23,623 jobs) and Education/Training and Library occupations (22,145 jobs).



Source: EMSI- Highest Ranked Occupations, 2016.

Table 6 shows the fastest growing occupations in 495/MetroWest region, which includes many of the largest occupations. Note that the fastest growing occupation group, Management (+3,848), pays the highest wages.

Table 6
Ten Fastest Growing Occupations, 495/MetroWest, 2010–2016

			Change in Jobs	% Change in	2015 Earnings
Occupation	2010 Jobs	2016 Jobs	(2010–2016)	Jobs (10–16)	per Worker
Management	27,513	31,361	3,848	14.0%	\$51.86
Food Preparation & Serving	20,898	24,283	3,385	16.0%	\$11.54
Computer & Mathematical	20,542	23,623	3,081	15.0%	\$45.72
Office & Administration Support	43,453	45,978	2,525	6.0%	\$19.20
Construction & Extraction	13,660	16,033	2,373	17.0%	\$23.43
Personal Care Services	13,004	15,317	2,313	18.0%	\$12.66
Material Moving	16,139	18,311	2,172	13.0%	\$15.63
Education, Training, & Library	20,138	22,145	2,007	10.0%	\$25.92
Business & Financial	19,147	20,814	1,667	9.0%	\$34.91
Healthcare Support	6,600	8,020	1,420	22.0%	\$15.33

Source: EMSI- Highest Ranked Occupations, 2010-2016.

8.0 INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS

8.1 INDUSTRY PROJECTIONS

Figure 25 displays the projected 10 fastest growing industries for the years 2016 to 2026 based on the number of jobs expected to be added per industry. The Computer Systems Design sector is expected to gain the largest number of jobs over the next decade (+3,141 jobs), followed by Home Health Care Services (+1,901 jobs), Individal & Family Services (+1,722 jobs), and Education (public) (+1,548 jobs).

3,500 \$196,000 \$166,891 \$164,582 Change in Jobs (2016-2026) \$168,000 ≹ 3,000 2,500 \$140,000 क्र \$112,000 Earnings 2,000 \$84,345 \$80,061 1,500 \$51,751 46,09 1,000 \$32,800 \$56,000 per \$28,000 ह 500 Change in Jobs (2016-2026) Average Earnings per Job

Figure 25
Ten Fastest Growing Industries by Projected Job Increase, 495/MetroWest, 2016–2026

Source: EMSI Highest Ranked Industries - Largest Industries, 2016–2026.

8.2 OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS

Figure 26 displays the 10 occupational groups projected to grow the fastest between 2016 and 2026 in terms of the number of jobs added. The fastest growing occupations are closely tied to the fastest growing industries in the area, with Personal Care occupations projected to grow the fastest.

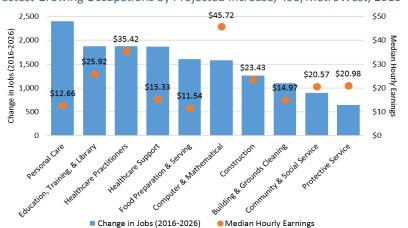


Figure 26
Ten Fastest Growing Occupations by Projected Increase, 495/MetroWest, 2016–2026

Source: EMSI Highest Ranked Occupations – Fastest Growing Occupations, 2016–2026.

9.0 **COMMUTING PATTERNS**

Examining regional commuting patterns provides insight into where workers in the region live and work. This analysis used data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Longitudinal Employer-House Dynamics (LEHD) Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES) program, 13 which links the community in which an employee resides with the community in which they work. The resulting commuting patterns are useful in shedding light on where all people working in a particular geography live or where all the workers living in a particular geography are employed.

Highlights

- The 495/MetroWest region is a net labor importer. There are 297,541 workers living in the 495/MetroWest region and among these, 60.8 percent are employed in outside areas and the remaining 39.2 percent are employed within the region.
- While the region's workers are more likely to commute out of the region to work than to work in the region, this effect is stronger for higher earners; there are more low wage workers coming into the region than leaving.
- The region is home to more jobs than employed residents. In 2014, there were 286,883 primary jobs located in the region and 269,336 employed residents.

9.1 INFLOW AND OUTFLOW

There is a large volume of workers moving into and out of the region for work on a daily basis. Nearly 200,000 workers (197,518) who work in the region commute from outside the region, while 180,917 commute to jobs outside the region. More than 116,000 (116,624) both live and work in the region (see Figure 27).

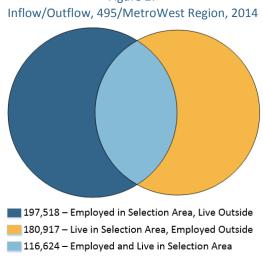


Figure 27

Source: Source: U.S. Census Bureau LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES); Inflow/Outflow Analysis, All Jobs, 2014.

¹³ LODES data includes most full-time and part-time workers, but does not include self-employed workers or students whose permanent residence is outside the study geography.

9.2 WORKERS LIVING IN THE REGION

The 495/MetroWest region is a net labor importer. The U.S. Census reports that there are 297,541 workers living in the 495/MetroWest region. Of these workers, 60.8 percent are employed in outside areas and the remaining 39.2 percent are employed within the region. Figure 28 highlights the top communities where people working in the 495/MetroWest region reside, with all but three being 495/MetroWest communities. Alternatively, Figure 29 represents the top 20 communities where residents of the 495/MetroWest region are working. Boston, Framingham, and Worcester are the top three communities that 495/MetroWest residents are community to for work (32,889, 18,616, and 12,513, respectively).

Worcester Framingham 12,702 11.126 Boston Marlborough 9.087 Milford 6,973 Shrewsbury Franklin Natick Hudson 5.075 Communities within the 495/Metrowest Region 4.430 Westborough Communities outside of the 495/Metrowest Region Grafton 3 938 Lowell 3,927 Ashland 3,894 Bellingham Northborough Hopkinton Holliston 3 179 Medway 3 073 Westford Acton 2,000 4,000 6,000 8,000 10,000 12,000 16,000

Figure 28
Top 20 Communities Where People Working in the 495/MetroWest Region Reside, 2014

Source: U.S. Census Bureau LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES); Home Destination Analysis by County Subdivision - All Jobs, 2014.

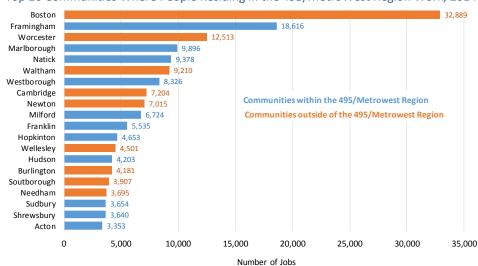


Figure 29
Top 20 Communities Where People Residing in the 495/MetroWest Region Work, 2014

Source: U.S. Census Bureau LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES); Work Destination Analysis by County Subdivision- All Jobs, 2014. Workers who commute from outside the region primarily travel from communities that are closest, while commuters who travel outside the region for work primarily commute to the Greater Boston area or Worcester (see Figure 30 and Figure 31).

Figure 30: Total Number of Commuters Traveling into MetroWest by Point of Origin

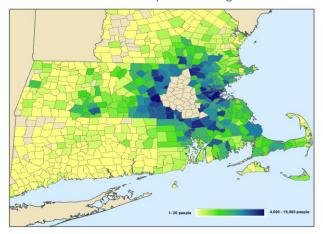
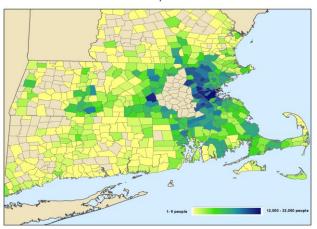


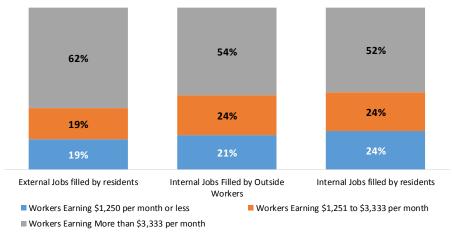
Figure 31: Total Number of Commuters Traveling out of MetroWest by Destination



Source: U.S. Census Bureau LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES); Home/Work Destination Analysis by County Subdivision- All Jobs, 2014.

495/MetroWest residents who are employed outside the region earn higher wages than workers commuting into the region, and 495/MetroWest residents who work in the region earn the least of any group (see Figure 32). This result suggests that the area exports its most skilled workers, while importing less skilled workers.

Figure 32
Inflow/ Outflow Job Monthly Job Earnings, 495/MetroWest, 2014



Source: U.S. Census Bureau LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES), All Jobs, 2014.

10.0 HOUSING

Highlights

- There are 230,740 housing units within the 495/MetroWest region. The majority of the region's occupied housing units are in single-unit buildings; 72.6 percent in 2015.
- Building permit estimates show that 12,069 new permits were approved between 2009 and 2015, for a total of 20,516 new units.
- The region's housing stock is newer than that of the state, with 36.9 percent of housing units developed between 1980 and 2015, compared to 26.7 percent statewide.
- More than 95 percent (95.7%) of the region's housing units are occupied. The vast majority of the region's housing units are owner-occupied; 74.4 percent versus 64.0 percent statewide.
- There were 7,925 home sales in the 495/MetroWest region in 2016, with a median sale price of \$400,820. In terms of both price and volume, home sales have not returned to 2005 levels.
- The median days on the market for homes within the 495/MetroWest region was 45 days during 2016.

10.1 HOUSING STOCK

There are 230,740 housing units in the 495/MetroWest region. The majority of the region's occupied housing units are in single-unit buildings; 72.6 percent in 2015. The proportion of single-unit and multi-unit buildings has not changed considerably since 2009 (see Table 7).

Table 7
Occupied Housing Units by Units in Structure,
495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2009–2015

	495/Me	troWest	Massachusetts			
	2009	2015	2009	2015		
Total Units	216,391	230,740	2,727,374	2,827,820		
In Single-Unit Building	73.0%	72.6%	57.7%	57.4%		
In Multi-Unit Building	27.0%	27.4%	42.3%	42.6%		

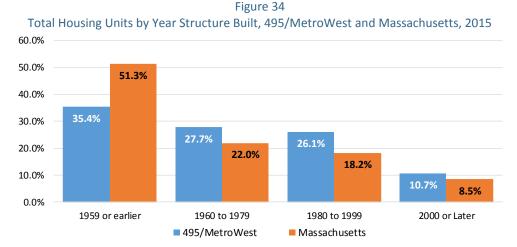
Source: 2000 Census, 2005–2009 ACS 5-year estimates, 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

Building permit estimates show that 12,069 building permits were approved between 2005 and 2015 (see Figure 33), or a total of 20,516 new units (a single building permit can include multiple units).

Figure 33 Building Permits, 495/MetroWest, 2015 2,000 1,973 1,800 1,600 1.331 1,400 1,235 1,221 1,147 1,129 1,200 1,000 940 874 764 **756** 699 800 600 400 200 0 2005 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2006 2007 2008 2009

Source: ACS 2011–2015 5-Year Estimates, Census of Building Permits 2005–2015.

The region's housing stock was built more recently than that of the state, with 36.8 percent of housing units developed between 1980 and 2015, compared to 26.7 percent statewide (see Figure 34).



Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

10.2 HOUSING OCCUPANCY

More than 95 percent (95.7%) of the region's housing units are occupied. The implied vacancy rate of 4.3 percent is lower than what is considered healthy for residential churn (7.0%). The vast majority of the region's housing units are owner-occupied; its 74.4 percent owner occupancy rate compares to an owner occupancy rate of 64.0 percent statewide (see Figure 35). The renter-occupied housing units tend to be older than those that are owner-occupied (see Figure 36).

Figure 35

Owner Occupied Housing Units, 495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2015

Massachusetts
64.0%
36.0%

495/MetroWest
74.4%
25.6%

0.0%
20.0%
40.0%
60.0%
80.0%
100.0%

Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

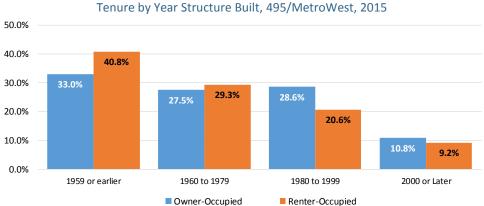


Figure 36
Tenure by Year Structure Built, 495/MetroWest, 2015

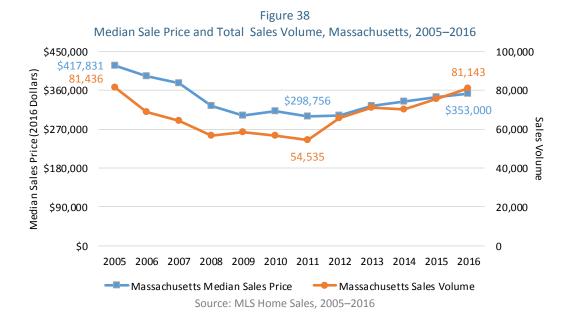
Source: 2011–2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

10.3 REAL ESTATE MARKET

There were 7,925 home sales in the 495/MetroWest region in 2016, with a median sale price of \$400,820. Home sales in terms of both price and volume have not returned to 2005 levels (see Figure 37).

Figure 37 Median Sale Price and Total Sales Volume, 495/MetroWest, 2005-2016 \$500,000 10,000 \$471,779 7,925 Median Sales Price (2016 Dollars) 8.812 \$400,000 8,000 \$400,820 \$349,685 Sales Volume 6,000 \$300,000 5,885 \$200,000 4,000 \$100,000 2,000 \$0 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 495/MetroWest Median Sales Price 495/MetroWest Sales Volume Source: MLS Home Sales, 2005-2016.

Similar to the 495/MetroWest region, the Massachusetts median sale price and sales volume have not returned to 2005 levels (see Figure 38). In 2016, the 81,143 homes sold in Massachusetts had a median sale price of \$353,000.



Wayland had the highest median sale price out of all communities in the 495/MetroWest region in 2016 (\$683,550) while Hopedale had the lowest median sale price (\$278,282). Berlin had the smallest number of sales in 2016 (38), while Framingham had the largest number of sales (737) (see Table 8).

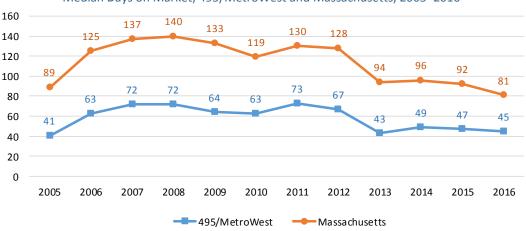
Table 8
Median Sale Price and Total Sales Volume by Community, 495/MetroWest, 2016

				-			
Top 50%	Median Sales F	Price	Bottom 50% Median Sales Price				
	Median	Sales		Median	Sales		
	Sales Price	Volume		Sales Price	Volume		
Wayland	\$683,550	223	Westford	\$416,500	264		
Sudbury	\$657,384	246	Northborough	\$407,680	184		
Sherborn	\$619,850	83	Medway	\$39 <mark>2,000</mark>	171		
Medfield	\$614,460	154	Berlin	\$381,220	38		
Hopkinton	\$572,009	307	Framingham	\$377,300	737		
Upton	\$510,904	113	Foxboro	\$374,850	181		
Southborough	\$509,600	122	Franklin	\$367,500	365		
Harvard	\$505,104	71	Shrewsbury	\$367,402	420		
Natick	\$503,475	451	Ashland	\$352,800	262		
Norfolk	\$485,100	149	Millis	\$352,800	118		
Bolton	\$478,240	106	Hudson	\$3 <mark>30,260</mark>	258		
Boxborough	\$476, <mark>035</mark>	81	Maynard	\$ <mark>3</mark> 23,400	176		
Stow	\$454,181	89	Grafton	\$310,660	312		
Littleton	\$450,800	138	Marlborough	\$308,700	440		
Acton	\$448,845	427	Milford	\$291,060	323		
Westboro	\$445,900	233	Bellingham	\$285,180	214		
Wrentham	\$441 ,490	146	Hopedale	\$278,282	86		
Holliston	\$420,420	206					

Source: MLS Home Sales, 2016.

Most 495/MetroWest homes do not stay on the market for long, with 45 days being the median number of days on the market in 2016 (see Figure 39). Homes statewide were on the market an average of 81 days.

Figure 39
Median Days on Market, 495/MetroWest and Massachusetts, 2005–2016



Source: MLS Home Sales 2005-2016.

The "amount of home" that buyers receive for their money as measured by price per square foot has been relatively stable since 2009, although the region has not recovered to pre-recession levels (see Figure 40). Since at least 2009, half (50%) of all homes in 495/MetroWest have seven rooms or more, compared to only 33 percent statewide; 1 in 3 homes in 495/MetroWest has four or more bedrooms, compared to 1 in 5 statewide.

Median Price per Square Foot, 495/MetroWest, 2005-Oct. 2016 \$300 Price Per Square Foot (Real Dollars) \$267 \$253 \$260 \$234 \$207 \$220 \$202 \$203 \$197 \$198 \$195 \$190 \$185 \$181 \$180 \$140 \$100 2016 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 Source: MLS Home Sales, 2005-2016.

11.0 TRENDS IN PROPERTY VALUES

Highlights

- The total assessed value of land in the 495/MetroWest region was \$98.3 billion in 2017, which is an uptick from \$95.6 billion pre-recession.
- Residential parcels accounted for 82.4 percent of all assessed values in the region.
- Assessed values for residential and commercial properties have been increasing in lockstep since 2014, although residential values have been increasing at a slightly higher rate. Assessed values for industrial parcels have been lagging.
- Northborough experienced the largest increase in commercial property values among the region's communities (+175.6% in 2017) since 2009, followed by Littleton (+174.6%) and Hopkinton (+150.2%).

11.1 ALL PROPERTY TYPES

The total assessed value of land in the 495/MetroWest region was \$98.3 billion, which is an uptick from \$95.6 billion pre-recession (see Figure 41).¹⁴ Residential parcels accounted for 82.4 percent of all assessed values in the region in 2017. Both Massachusetts and the region share similar proportions of assessed values by parcel type (see Figure 42).

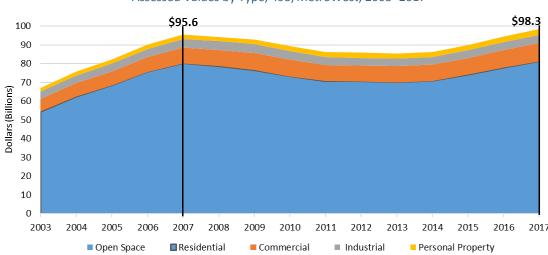


Figure 41¹⁵
Assessed Values by Type, 495/MetroWest, 2003–2017

Source: MA Division of Local Services, 2003–2017.

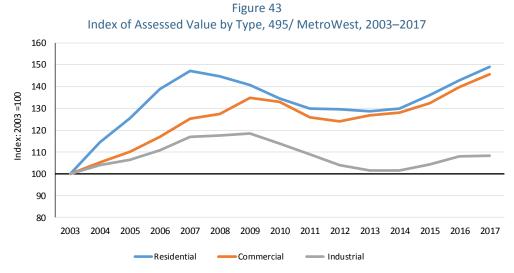
¹⁴ Open space parcels account for only a very small proportion of total assessed values and is not visible on the chart.

¹⁵ Personal Property is defined as any movable goods not attached to/part of the real estate. Please visit http://www.mass.gov/dor/all-taxes/excise-and-property/ for more information.

Figure 42 Assessed Values by Property Type, 495/MetroWest, 2017 Massachusetts 82.7% 11.3% 495/MetroWest 82.4% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Residential Commercial ■ Industrial Personal Property Open Space

Source: MA Division of Local Services, 2017, Author's Calculations.

Figure 43 indexes residential, commercial, and industrial assessed values in the 495 MetroWest region from 2003 to 2017. Assessed values for residential and commercial properties have been increasing in lockstep since 2014, although residential values have been increasing at a slightly higher rate. Assessed values for industrial parcels have been lagging (see Figure 43).



Source: MA Division of Local Services 2003–2017, Author's Calculations.

11.2 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

There are 14 495/MetroWest communities where commercial property values are growing faster than the region as a whole. Northborough experienced the largest increase in commercial property values among the region's communities since 2009 (+175.6%), followed by Littleton (+174.6%) and Hopkinton (+150.2%) (see Figure 44).

Figure 44
Index of Change in Commercial Property Values, 495/MetroWest, 2009–2017
(Communities with values growing faster than the region)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Northborough	100.0	99.6	98.4	126.4	158.0	161.9	163.9	167.0	175.6
Littleton	100.0	115.6	115.5	107.4	104.3	105.0	105.0	134.5	174.6
Hopkinton	100.0	99.7	97.1	96.9	118.7	125.8	130.0	139.3	150.2
Wrentham	100.0	98.2	97.5	97.3	109.8	108.4	112.7	133.4	135.4
Norfolk	100.0	103.7	107.1	107.6	105.6	105.8	110.3	126.2	130.6
Wayland	100.0	91.9	89.6	90.4	114.2	123.9	124.2	127.3	129.8
Shrewsbury	100.0	95.6	95.5	108.5	108.6	108.0	107.8	117.2	128.7
Westford	100.0	100.1	92.6	106.2	106.7	113.5	122.3	130.8	125.6
Ashland	100.0	95.4	93.6	93.2	93.3	94.1	97.0	112.5	121.8
Holliston	100.0	105.0	104.2	103.8	105.5	107.5	108.1	116.6	120.2
Medfield	100.0	102.5	101.4	102.5	106.9	107.0	109.4	117.7	119.9
Medway	100.0	100.1	100.3	104.3	102.8	102.3	110.8	113.4	117.6
Southborough	100.0	107.3	109.0	99.7	100.0	100.9	102.5	111.2	115.2
Natick	100.0	105.6	99.9	97.4	98.0	103.2	107.7	111.6	114.6
495/MetroWest	100.0	98.6	93.3	92.1	94.1	95.0	98.2	103.7	108.0

Source: MA Division of Local Services 2009–2017, Author's Calculations.

There are eight 495/MetroWest communities where commercial property values have recovered to pre-recession assessed values, but are growing more slowly than the region as a whole (see Figure 45).

Figure 45
Index of Change in Commercial Property Values, 495/MetroWest, 2009–2017
(Communities that have recovered pre-recession values but are growing more slowly than the region)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Millis	100.0	99.5	96.6	97.0	98.1	97.8	103.4	104.2	106.1
Grafton	100.0	99.6	100.2	101.4	97.8	102.5	97.9	98.6	104.4
Foxborough	100.0	120.9	106.9	101.6	101.8	92.5	93.1	95.7	103.4
Franklin	100.0	95.8	89.2	88.5	89.0	93.7	94.5	98.3	103.4
Hudson	100.0	101.7	107.7	102.4	98.3	99.6	99.5	100.4	103.0
Sudbury	100.0	99.9	92.7	92.6	93.6	93.4	94.0	98.0	103.0
Berlin	100.0	96.3	100.1	90.7	92.6	91.0	95.5	110.2	102.7
Bellingham	100.0	93.0	93.1	93.8	95.6	97.2	99.6	99.4	102.5
495/MetroWest	100.0	98.6	93.3	92.1	94.1	95.0	98.2	103.7	108.0

Source: MA Division of Local Services 2009–2017, Author's Calculations.

There are 13 495/MetroWest communities where commercial property values have yet to recover pre-recession values and are fluctuating between growth and decline (see Figure 46).

Figure 46 Index of Change in Commercial Property Values, 495/MetroWest, 2009–2017 (Communities that have yet to recover pre-recession values)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Sherborn	100.0	94.2	99.0	98.8	98.2	97.6	100.26	101.09	99.6
Westborough	100.0	95.4	89.8	88.8	91.8	90.4	92.4	97.9	99.0
Stow	100.0	96.5	93.4	97.5	97.8	98.8	101.27	98.5	98.8
Harvard	100.0	95.3	95.3	95.3	93.8	92.9	95.0	98.5	97.8
Marlborough	100.0	93.5	83.7	81.8	84.5	86.2	90.6	98.6	97.7
Framingham	100.0	91.7	84.0	77.7	77.0	76.8	83.1	86.2	96.4
Hopedale	100.0	98.9	92.1	90.9	90.9	96.8	94.4	94.1	96.1
Upton	100.0	101.01	105.22	107.57	100.83	92.6	92.9	92.6	95.8
Milford	100.0	93.8	91.5	89.9	88.3	88.3	90.9	94.5	95.6
Acton	100.0	95.5	91.9	89.0	93.0	90.9	90.3	94.0	95.5
Maynard	100.0	99.1	91.0	90.9	88.6	86.8	84.8	93.1	91.6
Boxborough	100.0	89.8	82.2	83.8	85.7	83.5	83.0	92.2	89.8
Bolton	100.0	95.0	85.8	83.9	80.7	84.3	82.2	83.3	83.5
495/MetroWest	100.0	98.6	93.3	92.1	94.1	95.0	98.2	103.7	108.0

Source: MA Division of Local Services 2009–2017, Author's Calculations.

Figure 47 measures the share of regional commercial assessed values against the percent change in values from 2009 to 2017. Natick had the largest share of the total regional assessed value for commercial properties in 2017 followed by Framingham, although Framingham experienced a decline in commercial values between 2009 and 2017 (see Figure 47).

Share of Regional Commercial Assessed Values, 495/MetroWest, 2009–2017 20% 18% Share of Commercial Regional Assessed Value (2017) Framingham 16% Natick 14% 12% Marlborough 10% 8% Westborough Foxborough Shrewsbury 6% Southborough Northborough Milford Wrentham Hopkinton **Bolton** Littleton Westford -20% -10% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% -2% % Change in Commercial Assessed Value (2009-2017)

Figure 47

Source: MA Division of Local Services 2009–2017, Author's Calculations.

APPENDIX A: DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR INDUSTRIES¹⁶

Industry	4-Digit	Definition
	NAICS	
Animal Production & Aquaculture	1120	Industries within this subsector primarily raise and/or fatten animals for sale, including animal products. These industries also include the equipment and labor required for maintenance of pasture land.
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	5413	Includes services related to architectural and engineering such as drafting, building inspection, testing, mapping, and surveying.
Building Equipment Contractors	2382	This industry group installs, repairs, and services building equipment, such as cooling, electricity, elevators, heating, and water systems.
Computer Systems Design & Related Systems	5415	Establishments within this industry write software, design computer systems integrating software and hardware, and manage data processing facilities.
Education (Local Government)	6110	Educational services industries provide instruction and training of different types and at differing levels.
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	6221	This industry diagnoses patients, provides medical treatment, performs X-Rays, provides patient care services, conducts laboratory services, and provides pharmaceutical services.
Home Health Care Services	6216	Includes personal care services such as home companions, physical therapy, 24-hour home care, dietary services, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and vocational therapy.
Individual & Family Services	6241	Establishments which provide social assistance to children, youth, elderly, and disabled persons outside of the home.
Investigation & Security Services	5616	Investigation & Security Services industries sells, installs, monitors, and repairs security systems such as burglar alarms, fire alarms, car alarms, and locking devices.
Management of Companies & Enterprises	5511	This industry oversees management decisions and manages other establishments.

 $^{^{16}}$ For more information, visit www.census.gov/NAICS . All information was gathered from the 2017 NAICS Manual.

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Other Amusement & Recreation Industries	7139	Services within this industry include golf
		courses, country clubs, skiing and
		snowboarding facilities, recreational sports
		centers, and other amusement centers.
Restaurants & Other Eating Places	7225	Includes sit-down restaurants, fast-food
		restaurants, and nonalcoholic beverage
		counters.
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	5617	Industries within this subsector contain
		extermination services, janitorial services,
		landscaping services, and upholstery cleaning
		services.

APPENDIX B: DESCRIPTION OF INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

Industry Cluster	Includes:
Biopharmaceuticals	Biopharmaceutical Products, Biological Products, and Diagnostic Substances
Business Services	Corporate Headquarters, Consulting Services, Business Support Services, Computer Services, Employment Placement Services, Engineering Services, Architectural & Drafting Services, and Ground Passenger Transportation.
Education & Knowledge Creation	Training Programs, Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools, Educational Support Services, Research Organizations, and Professional Organizations.
Electronic Commercial Equipment	Warehousing & Storage, Electronic & Catalog Shopping, Wholesale Trade Agents & Brokers, Support Services, Wholesale of Apparel & Accessories, Wholesale of Books, Periodicals, & Newspapers, Wholesale of Chemical & Allied Products, Wholesale of Drugs & Druggists' Sundries, Wholesale of Farm Products & Supplies, Wholesale of Food Products, Wholesale of Furniture & Home Furnishing, Wholesale of Jewelry, Watches, Precious Stones, & Precious Metals, Wholesale of paper & Paper Products, Wholesale of Sporting & Recreational Goods & Supplies, Wholesale of Toy & Hobby Goods & Supplies, Wholesale of Other Merchandise, Wholesale of Farm & Garden Machinery & Equipment, Wholesale of Construction & Mining Machinery & Equipment, Wholesale of Service Establishment Equipment, & Supplies, Wholesale of Transportation Equipment & Supplies, Wholesale of Professional & Commercial Equipment & Supplies, Wholesale of Electronic Goods, Wholesale of Metals & Minerals (except Petroleum), Wholesale of Petroleum & Petroleum Products, and Rental & Leasing.
Financial Services	Financial Investment Activities, Credit Intermediation, Credit Bureaus, Monetary Authorities- Central Bank, and Securities Brokers, Dealers, & Exchanges.
Fishing & Fishing Products	Finfish Fishing, Shellfish Fishing, Other Marine Fishing, Seafood Product Preparation & Packaging, Seafood Canning, and Fresh & Frozen Seafood Processing.
Food Processing & Manufacturing	Specialty Foods & Ingredients, Baked Goods, Candy & Chocolate, Coffee & Tea, Packaged Fruit & Vegetables, Dairy Products, Animal Foods, Soft Drinks & Ice, Malt Beverages, Distilleries, Wineries, Milling & Refining of Cereals & Oilseeds, Milling & Refining of Sugar, Farm Wholesalers, and Glass Containers.
Footwear	Footwear, and Footwear Components.
Hospitality & Tourism	Spectator Sports, Amusement Parks & Arcades, Cultural & Educational Entertainment, Gambling Facilities, Other Tourism Attractions, Accommodations & Related Services, and Tourism Related Services.
Insurance Services	Insurance Related Services, Insurance Carriers, and Reinsurance Carriers.
IT & Analytics	Electronic Components, Computers & Peripherals, Semiconductors, Software Publishers, Software Reproducing, Process & Laboratory Instruments, Medical Apparatus, and Audio & Video Equipment.
Jewelry & Prescious Metals	Jewelry & Precious Metals Products.
Marketing, Design, & Publishing	Advertising Related Services, Other Marketing Related Services, Design Services, and Publishing.

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Medical Devices	Optical Instruments & Ophthalmic Goods, and Surgical & Dental Instruments & Supplies.
Performing Arts	Performing Artists, and Promoters & Managers.
Recreational & Small Electric Goods	Recreational & Decorative Goods, Games, Toys, & Children's Vehicles, Motorcycles & Bicycles, Sporting & Athletic Goods, Office Supplies, and Electric Housewares.