Commuting Patterns of the 495/MetroWest Region

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Large volumes of workers commute into and out of the region.

- Workers are less likely to live and work in the region than either commute into or out of the region.

198,381 – Employed in 495/MetroWest Region, Live Outside
178,372 – Living in 495/MetroWest, Working Outside
112,370 – Employed and Living in 495/MetroWest
MetroWest is a Net Labor Importer
Workers in Region More Likely to Commute Out of the Region than to Work in the Region, but this Effect is Stronger for Highest Earners

There are More Low Wage Workers Coming Into the Region than Leaving
MetroWest 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.

• However, only a little over a third of employees and residents both live and work in the region.
MetroWest is Home to Four Job Centers
The Top 20 Communities Where People Residing Within the 495/MetroWest Region Work

- Boston
- Framingham
- Worcester
- Marlborough
- Natick
- Waltham
- Westborough
- Cambridge
- Newton
- Milford
- Franklin
- Hopkinton
- Wellesley
- Hudson
- Burlington
- Southborough
- Needham
- Sudbury
- Shrewsbury
- Acton

Number of Jobs

A community within the 495/MetroWest Region

A community outside of the 495/MetroWest Region
Total Number of Commuters Traveling out of MetroWest by Destination
The Top 20 Communities Where People Working Within the 495/MetroWest Region Reside
Total Number of Commuters Traveling into MetroWest by Origin
People who work in MetroWest live in locations that are more or less evenly distributed around the region.

People who live in MetroWest are most likely to commute to areas to the East and Northeast (Greater Boston).
Regional Commuting Variations

• Most of MetroWest has the strongest commuting relationship with the City of Boston

• However, there are a few exceptions:
  • Westford is most strongly connected to Lowell,
  • Bolton is most strongly connected to Leominster,
  • Berlin, Grafton, Northborough, Shrewsbury, and Westborough are most strongly connected to Worcester.

• The remaining communities are most strongly connected to Boston.