

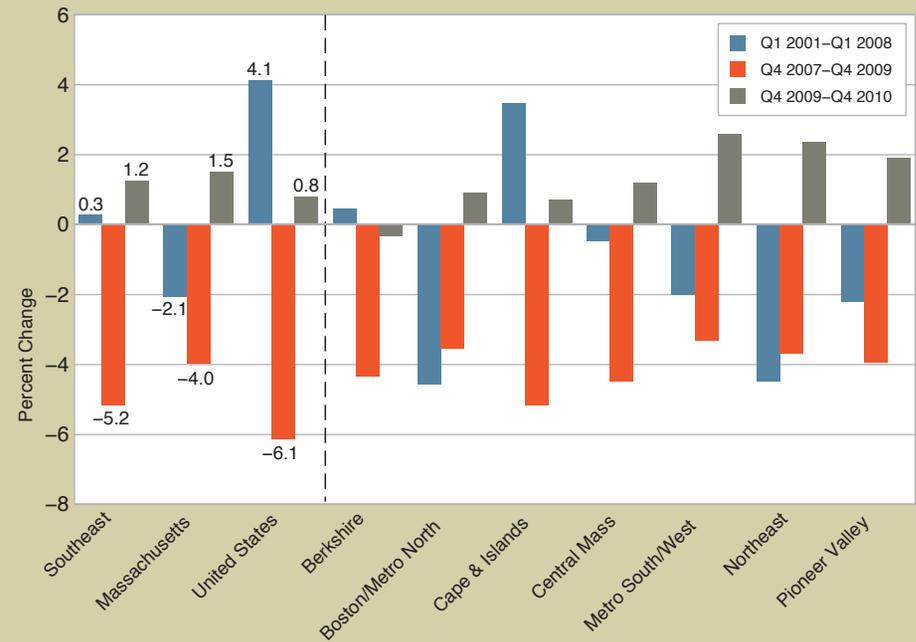
EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

The Southeast region accounts for 21.0 percent of the state's population but just 16.2 percent of the state's employment, with roughly 511,000 jobs in the region. Over the past decade, the region's employment situation was somewhat different from that of the state. Southeast was one of only three regions to gain jobs between 2001 and 2008, increasing a modest 0.3 percent against a loss of 2.1 percent in Massachusetts. During the Great Recession, the region's employment losses were greater than the state's (5.2 percent versus 4.0 percent), but more modest than those in the United States. In the first year of recovery (Q4 2009 to Q4 2010), the Southeast region saw employment increase by 1.2 percent, slightly trailing the gain in Massachusetts (1.5 percent) but exceeding the gain in the United States (0.8 percent).

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. Comparisons between different quarters will be distorted, as seasonal employment in industries such as Retail Trade or Leisure & Hospitality vary considerably across regions.

Changes in Total Employment



Distribution of Employment Across Regional Labor Markets, Q4 2010

