Employment Characteristics

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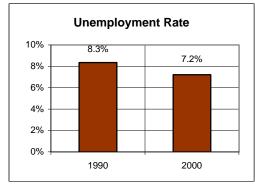


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Boston's Employment Trends:

- Nearly 27% of the employed persons are in educational and health services, up from 24% in 1990.
- Sectors such as construction, transportation, and FIRE (Finance, Insur. & Real Est.) have maintained a stable job base.
- Manufacturing and retail trade in particular have lost jobs by significant margins, 40% and 60% respectively.
- Overnment workers constitute 13.3% of the workers, a noticeable decline from 15.1% in 1990.
- Commuting to work patterns show relatively minor variations. Those who drive to work alone have increased while carpooling has shown slight decreases.
- The number of people using public transportation has remained almost the same around 32%.

1. PROFILE OF LABOR FORCE

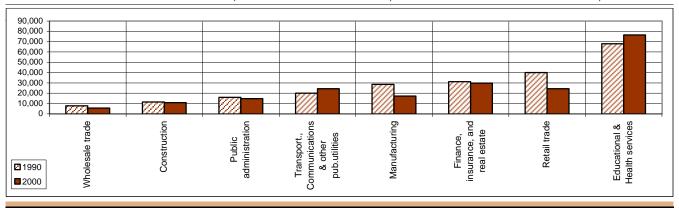


Subject	1990	%	2000	%
	number	share	number	share
Total Population				
Persons 16 years and over	476,275	100	484,995	100
In labor force	316,162	66.4	308,395	63.6
Civilian labor force	314,997	66.1	308,107	63.5
Employed	288,704	60.6	285,859	58.9
Unemployed	26,293	5.5	22,248	4.6
Armed Forces	1,165	0.2	288	0.1
Not in labor force	160,113	33.6	176,600	36.4
Unemployment Rate		8.3%		7.2%

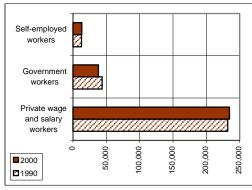
2. INDUSTRY

(Unemployed as a % of the labor force)

Subject	1990	%		2000	%
	number	share		number	share
Wholesale trade	7,810	2.7	Wholesale trade	5,517	1.9
Construction	11,416	4.0	Construction	10,848	3.8
Public administration	16,047	5.6	Public administration	14,682	5.1
Transport., Communications &	20,069	7.0	Transportation and warehousing,	24,320	8.5
other pub.utilities			information and utilities		
Manufacturing	28,602	9.9	Manufacturing	17,297	6.1
Finance, insurance, and real	31,239	10.8	Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental	29,799	10.4
estate			& leasing		
Retail trade	40,072	13.9	Retail trade	24,375	8.5
Educational & Health services	68,043	23.6	Educational, health and social services	76,508	26.8



3. CLASS OF WORKER



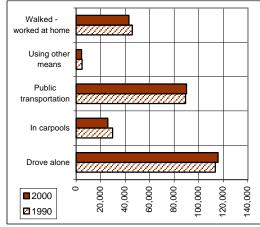
Subject	1990	%	2000	%
	number	share	number	share
Employed persons 16 yrs & over	288,704	100	285,859	100
Private wage and salary workers	232,032	80.4	234,558	82.1
Government workers	43,582	15.1	38,004	13.3
Local government workers	19,617	6.8	19,440	6.8
State government workers	15,046	5.2	11,942	4.2
Federal government workers	8,919	3.1	6,622	2.3
Self-employed workers	12,552	4.3	12,988	4.5
Unpaid family workers	538	0.2	309	0.1

4. OCCUPATION

Subject	1990	%		2000	%
	number	share		number	share
Employed persons 16 yrs & over	288,704	100	Employed persons 16 yrs & over	285,859	100
Exec., admin., & managerial	41,955	14.5	Management, professional & related	123,850	43.3
Professional specialty	52,482	18.2			N. A.
Technicians & related support	12,769	4.4			N. A.
Sales	27,095	9.4	Sales & office	73,199	25.6
Admin. Support, incl. clerical	56,950	19.7			N. A.
Private household	1,248	0.4			N. A.
Protective service	7,275	2.5			N. A.
Service, except protect. & h.hold	41,432	14.4	Service occupations	50,839	17.8
Farming, forestry, & fishing	1,239	0.4	Farming, fishing & forestry	223	0.1
Precision prod., craft, & repair	18,453	6.4	Const., extraction & maintenance	14,118	4.9
Machine operators, assemblers &	11,782	4.1			N. A.
inspectors					
Transp. & material moving	8,189	2.8	Production, transp., & material moving	23,630	8.3
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, & laborers	7,835	2.7			N. A.

Please note: Categories of occupation for Census 1990 and 2000, having significantly changed, permit limited comparison. Not Available (N.A.)

5. COMMUTING TO WORK



	1990	%	2,000	%
Workers 16 years and over	282,528	100	278,463	100
Drove alone	113,400	40.1	115,618	41.5
In carpools	29,646	10.5	25,662	9.2
Public transportation	89,096	31.5	89,906	32.3
Using other means	4,681	1.7	4,361	1.6
Walked - worked at home	45,705	16.2	42,916	15.4
Walked	N. A.		36,323	13.0
Worked at home	N. A.		6,593	2.4
Mean travel time to work(minutes)	N. A.		28.8	