LARGEST SEAFOOD PROCESSING CLUSTERS

Massachusetts’ processing landscape is largely composed of commercial bakeries and seafood manufacturing, but some types of manufacturing facilities tend to cluster in particular areas.

New Bedford, home to most of the state’s fresh and frozen seafood manufacturers, enjoys close proximity to local coastal economies.

Sources:
InfoGroup Business Data, North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS)

FOOD JOBS ARE RESILIENT

In 2012, food manufacturing made up almost 10 percent of all manufacturing employment, generating a significant proportion of jobs in the sector. These types of manufacturers include employers like Hostess Brands, Inc. and the New England Crab Company.

Between 2002 and 2012, the number of jobs in all manufacturing establishments declined by almost 43 percent. Food manufacturing jobs, however, remained resilient, and experienced virtually no decline in the 10-year period.

Sources:
1. U.S. Census County Business Patterns (CBP)