

Greater Boston's Comprehensive Economic Strategy: 2025-2030

Economic resilience is at the core of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

As defined by the U.S. Economic Development Administration:

“...economic resilience aims to better prepare regions to anticipate, withstand, and bounce back from any type of shock, disruption, or stress it may experience. Establishing economic resilience in a local or regional economy requires the ability to anticipate risk, evaluate how that risk can impact key economic assets, and build a responsive capacity.”

(Source: Economic Resilience, EDA)

For Greater Boston, this means ensuring that communities, businesses, and workers are equipped to adapt to economic shifts, natural disasters, public health crises, and other challenges, while continuing to grow and thrive.

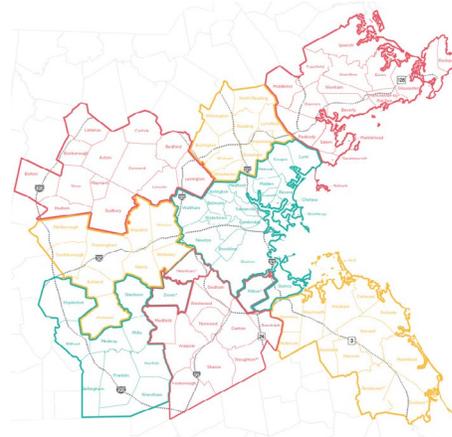
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For your reference, the Greater Boston Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy can be accessed at:

[Read the Full CEDS 2025 - 2030 Strategy](#)



Metropolitan Area Planning Council's
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
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Metropolitan Area Planning Council
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Regional Snapshot: Data Highlights

Indicator	Statistic	Source
Total Population (MAPC Region)	Approx. 3.2 million	MAPC
Gini Index (Income Inequality) (0 = complete income equality; 1 = complete income inequality)	0.5266 – Suffolk County 0.4877 – Massachusetts 0.4843 – Norfolk County 0.4827 – United States 0.4785 – Essex County 0.4727 – Middlesex County 0.4676 – Plymouth County 0.4559 – Worcester County	ACS 2023
Top Job Sector by Employment (2022)	Restaurants and other eating places – 226,796 jobs	EOLWD
Highest Job Growth (2017–2022)	Scientific research and development services – 57% increase	EOLWD
Clean Energy Employment (2022)	Over 104,000 workers statewide	MassCEC
Cybersecurity Industry Revenue (2023)	\$25.2 billion; projected \$40.5 billion by 2026	MassCyberCenter / CyberSeek
Office Vacancy Rate (Greater Boston, 2024)	17.0% (record high)	Cushman & Wakefield Q4 2024
Weekly Wage – Tourism Sector	\$594.77	EOLWD

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Get Involved

MAPC welcomes partnerships with municipalities, businesses, anchor institutions, community organizations, and residents who want to align with the CEDS vision and goals.

To learn more or connect with our team, reach out to the MAPC Economic Development Department at EconDevTeam@MAPC.org.

Economic Development District (EDD) and MAPC's Role

MAPC's Role as an EDA-Designated Economic Development District

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) serves as the federally recognized Economic Development District (EDD) for Greater Boston, designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). This designation authorizes MAPC to lead the development and implementation of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

As the EDD, MAPC coordinates regional planning efforts that align local priorities with state and federal resources, ensuring that Greater Boston municipalities are eligible to apply for and receive EDA funding. Through this role, MAPC helps communities advance projects that foster job creation, business growth, infrastructure investment, and inclusive economic development across the region.

How MAPC as the EDD Supports Municipalities

As the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD) for Greater Boston, MAPC supports municipalities by providing:

- **A circle with the money symbol inside of it and the circle is over a box. Access to Grants:**
Ensuring Greater Boston communities are eligible EDA funding to support infrastructure, resilience, workforce, and business development projects.
- **Two people standing next to each other with an arrow going back and forth between them. Technical Assistance:**
Providing expertise in planning, data analysis, and project development to help cities and towns design and advance impactful economic initiatives.