

Reopening Massachusetts

What has been and what is to come in the Baystate economy

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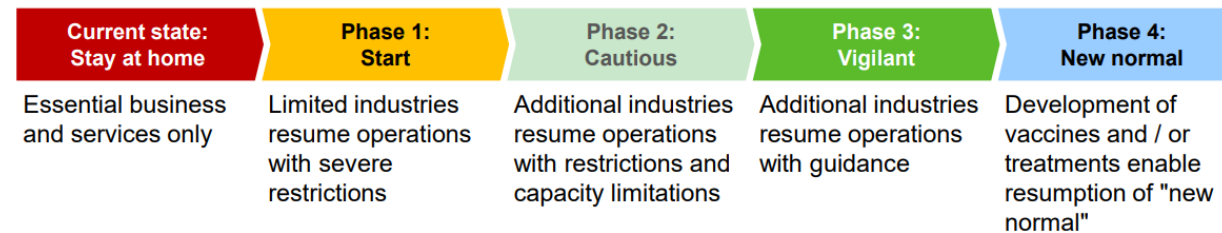
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Massachusetts is in its “for now” normal.



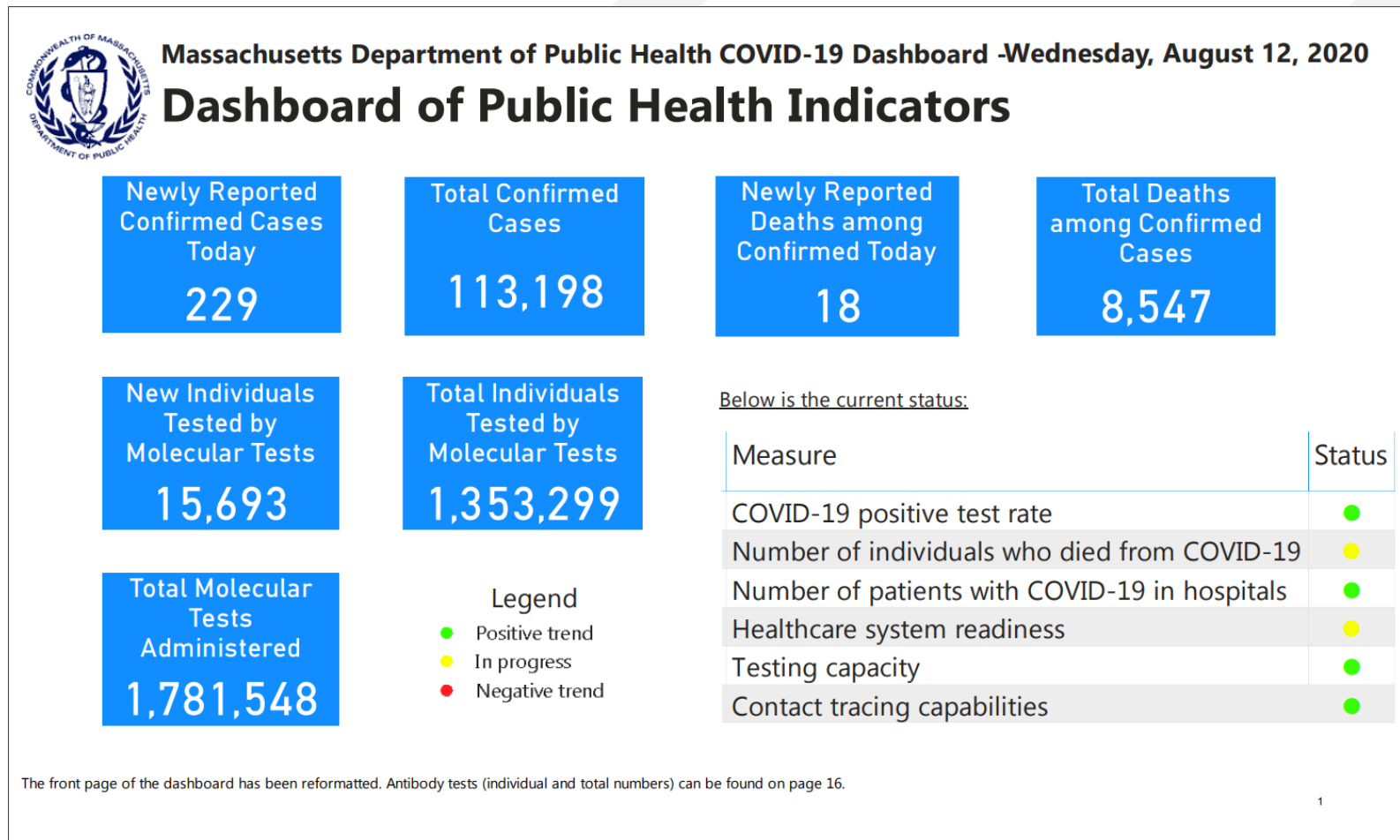
REOPENING MASSACHUSETTS IN PHASES

The goal of this phased reopening plan is to methodically allow businesses, services, and activities to resume, while avoiding a resurgence of COVID-19 that could overwhelm our healthcare system and erase the progress we've made so far.



- Each phase will last a minimum of three weeks and could last longer before moving to the next phase
- If public health data trends are negative, specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth may need to return to an earlier phase
- The Commonwealth will partner with industries to draft Sector-Specific Protocols in advance of future phases (example: restaurant specific protocols will be drafted in advance of Phase 2)
- If we all work together to defeat COVID-19, we can proceed through each phase

MA COVID-19 daily dashboard: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>



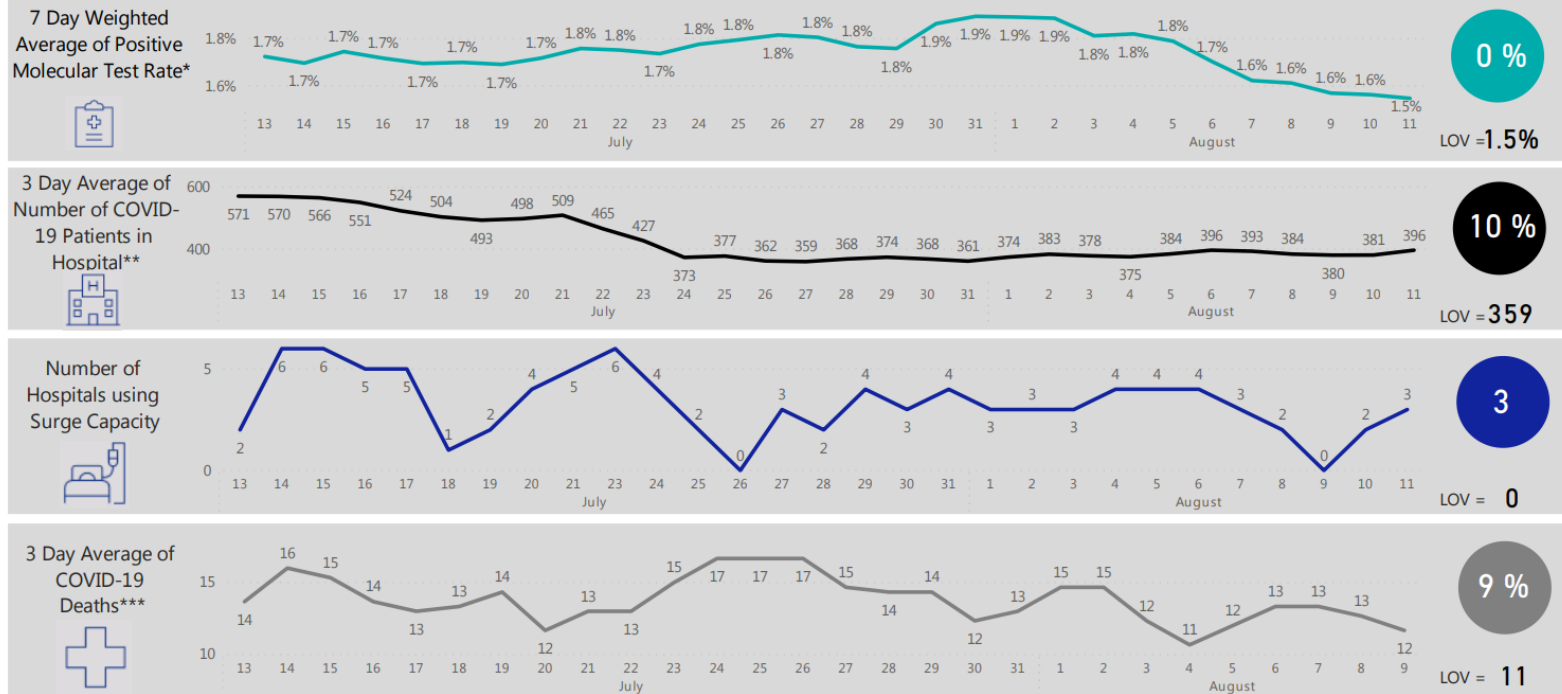
Recent trend in key metrics



Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard -Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Dashboard of Public Health Indicators

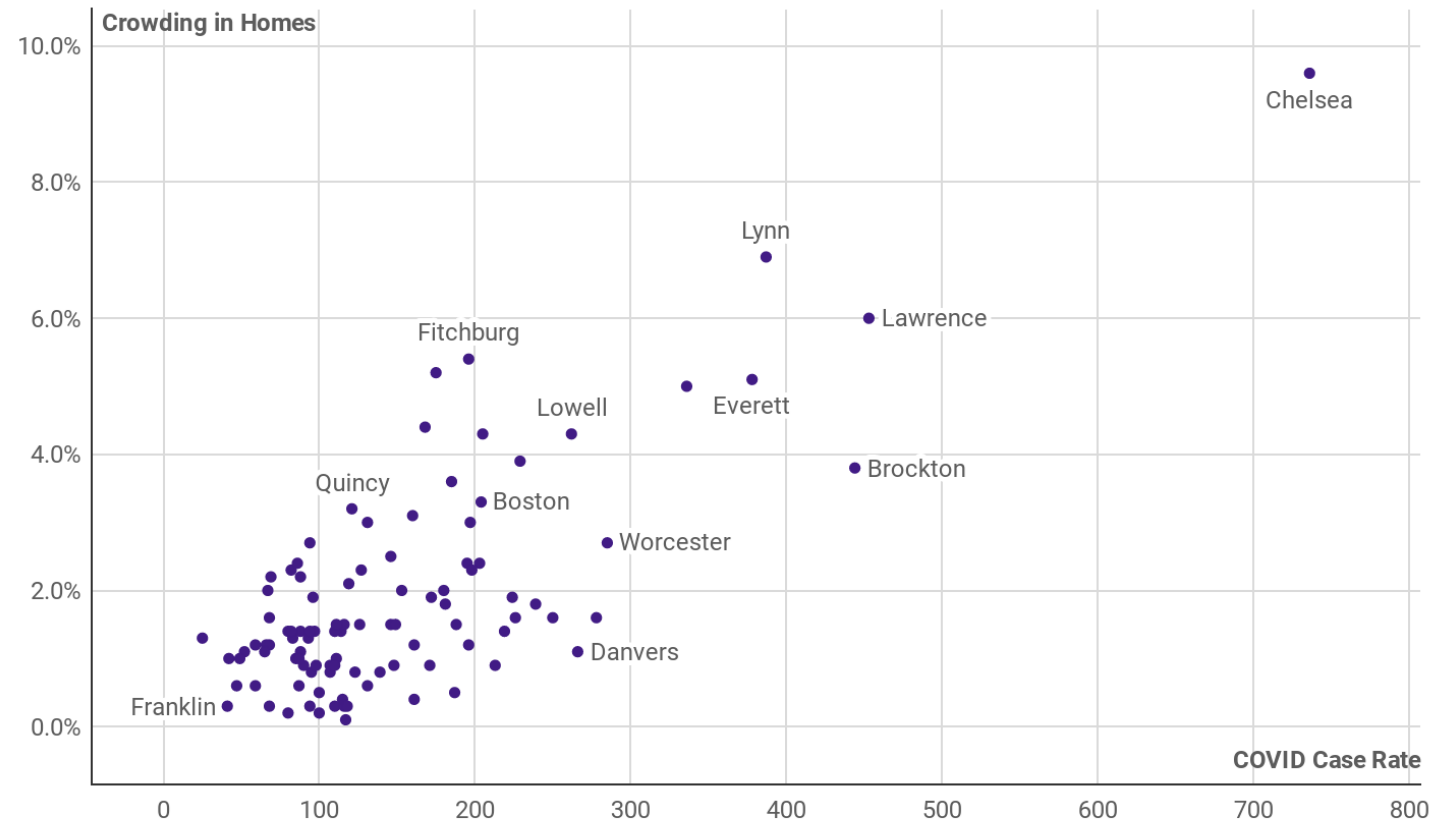
Percent or Count of Change Since Lowest Observed Value (LOV)



*Calculated from total molecular tests; **Includes both confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19; ***Includes deaths in only confirmed cases of COVID-19
 Note: Hospital-reported data included here reflects a transition to new federal reporting standards imposed as of 7/22. The third graph (number of hospitals using surge) does not include data from July 22 due to this transition. As a result, data may not be directly comparable to hospital data previously reported. LOV = Lowest observed value, i.e. the lowest value the public health indicator has been since tracking started.

Cities with more crowded homes have higher COVID-19 case rates

“Crowded housing” is defined as > 1.0 occupant per room. COVID-19 Case Rate per 10k residents as of July 8th, 2020. 100 largest cities/towns in MA

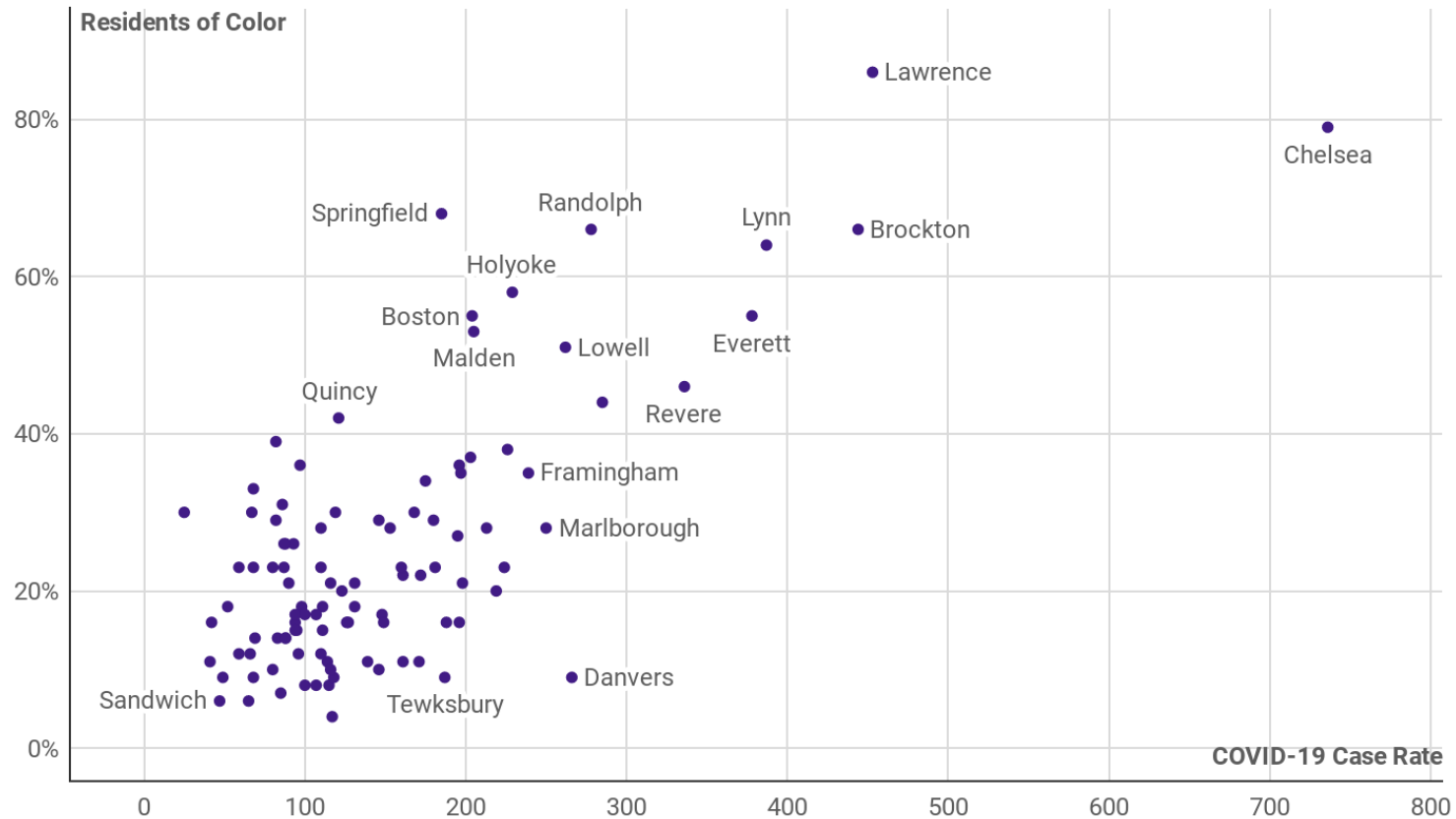


Source: MA DPH confirmed COVID-19 positive cases. ACS 2014-2018 5-yr estimates. • Created with Datawrapper



Cities with larger communities of color have higher COVID-19 case rates

COVID-19 Case Rate per 10k residents as of July 8th, 2020. 100 largest cities/towns in MA

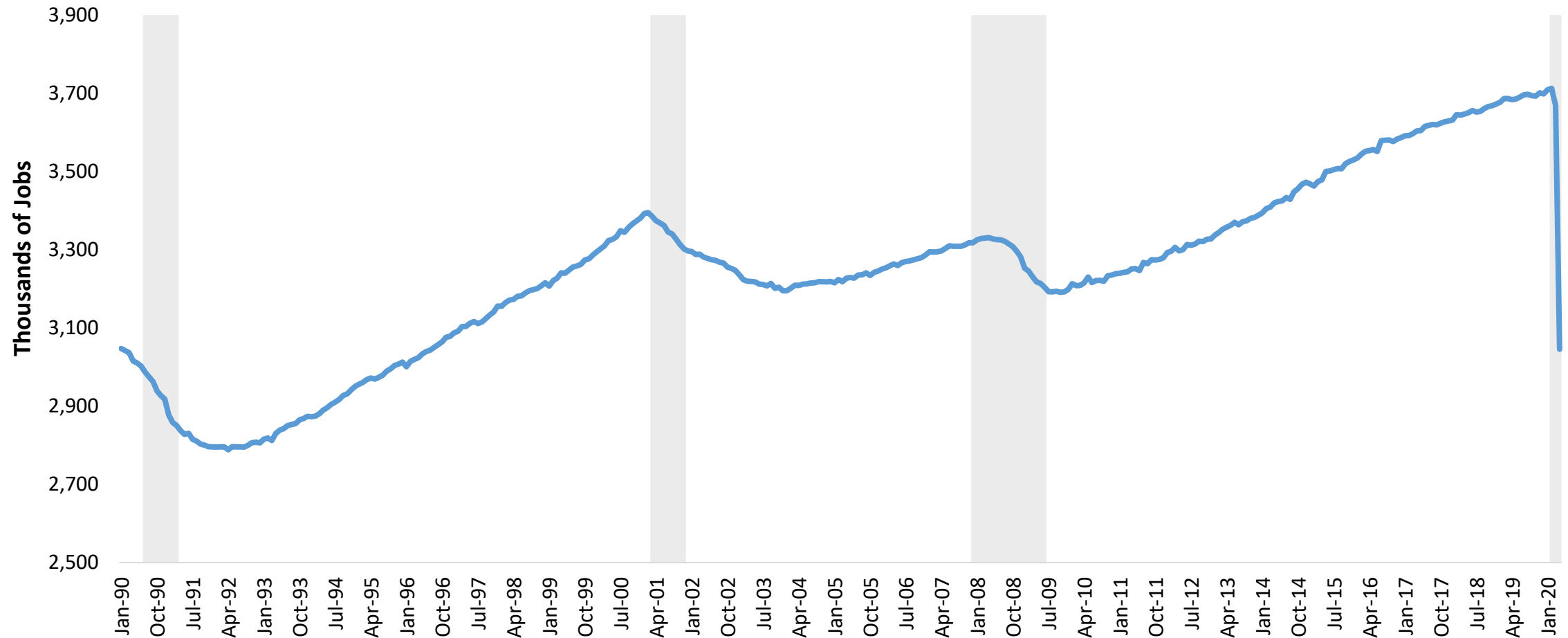


Source: ACS 2014-2018 5-yr estimates (poverty rate), MA DPH confirmed COVID-19 positive cases • Created with Datawrapper



After a long period of expansion, the COVID-19 recession has wiped out job gains since the Great Recession

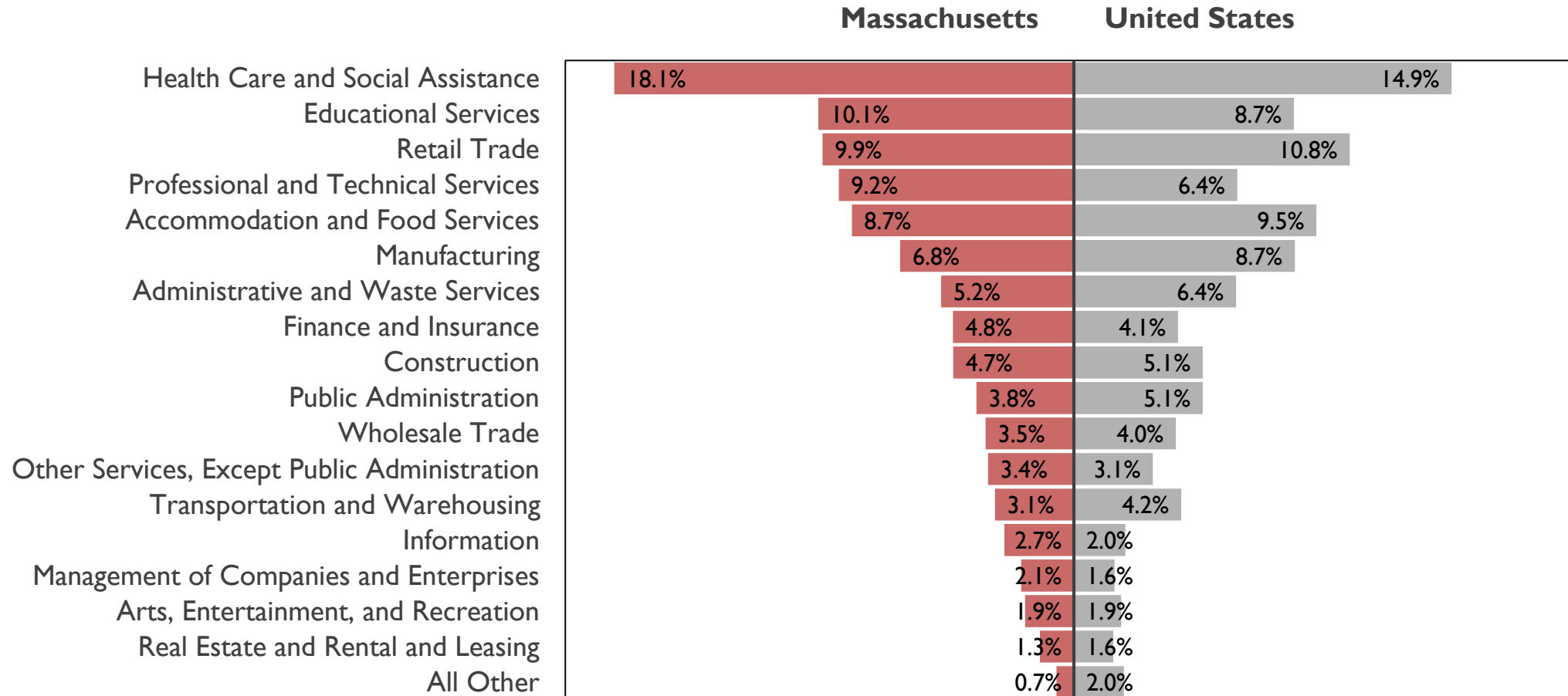
Nonfarm employment in Massachusetts, January 1990-April 2020



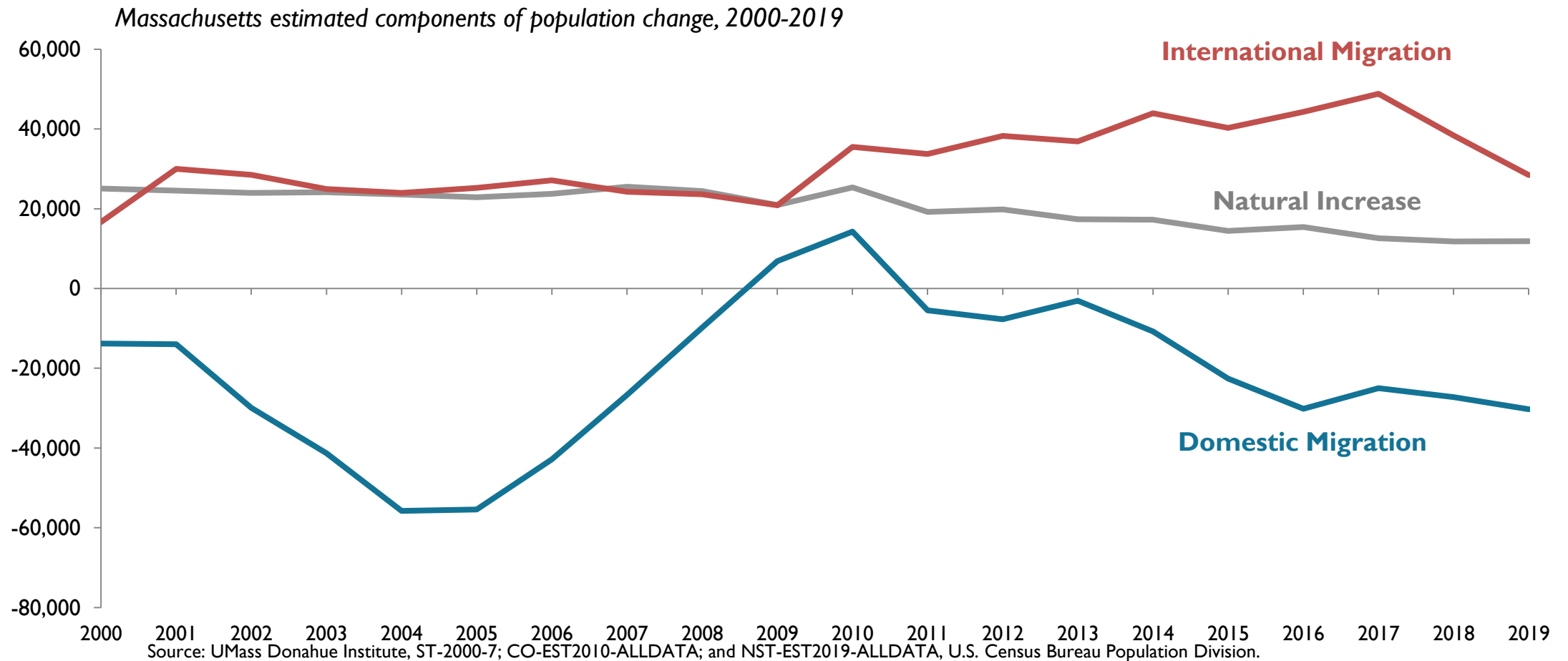
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics (CES)

Dominant sectors in the state have been related to knowledge-based industries

Industry mix in Massachusetts and the United States, 2018



Massachusetts population growth depends on international migration



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