

**Boston**

	Boston Metro Area	Rank	Average	Highest	Lowest
<b>Economic Performance</b>					
Total Employment 1997	3.8 Million	2nd	1.8 million	3.8 million	700,000
Employment Growth, 1990-97	1.20%	13th	2.3%	4.9%	0.8%
Manufacturing Growth, 1990-1997	-1.60%	15th	0.5%	6.2%	-0.7%

	Employment	Rank by Emp	Location Quotient	Rank by LQ
<b>High Tech Employment 1997</b>				
Computer & Electronics	71,715	2nd	2.2	6th
Software Publishers	25,211	1st	4.8	2nd
Information Services/Data Proc.	11,355	2nd	1.6	4th
Computer Systems Design	25,464	4th	1.7	8th
Total High Tech	133,745	3rd	2.2	5th

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<b>Innovative Activity</b>					
Patents (1998)	3687	2nd	1549	4931	289
Patent Rate (1997)	57.8	6th	62.8	121.7	32.7
Growth in Patents (1990-1998)	7.3%	11th	10.7%	17.5%	6.5%
Venture Capital Investment Counts 1995 to 1999	1048	2nd		1518	17
Share of US Total 1995-1999	10.5%	2nd		15.2%	0.2%

**Largest High Tech Firms**

Raytheon Co.  
 Compaq Computer Corp.  
 Lucent Technologies Inc.  
 Lotus Development Corp.  
 EMC Corp.

**Product Specializations**

Defense, Electronics  
 Computers  
 Telecommunication Equipment  
 Software  
 Software

**Employment**

15,400  
 8,000  
 5,600  
 4,050  
 3,600

**# of 10 largest firms locally headquartered** 7

**Leading High Tech Patent Specializations**

Information Processing System Organization 1.8  
 Chemistry: Molecular Biology and Microbiology 2.3