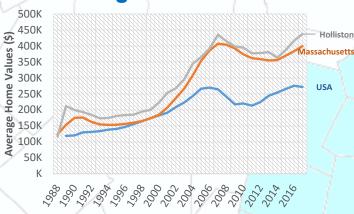


# **Holliston**

#### STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: 2017 EDITION

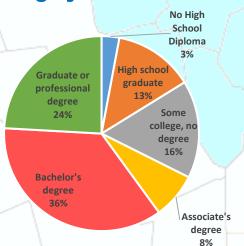
**Demographic Data for the 495/MetroWest Region** 

## **Rising Home Values**



Beyond the year to year averages, in February 2017, the median single family home in Holliston sold for \$383,000<sup>1</sup>. This is much higher than the state median sale price for the same month which was \$319,000<sup>1</sup> and the national median for February which was \$228,200<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Highly Educated**



2011-2015 ACS (U.S. Census Bureau)

Holliston has a highly educated population compared to the state and to the nation with 60% of residents having a bachelor's degree or higher. During the same time 40.5% of people in Massachusetts had a bachelor's degree or higher, while only 29.8% of all people in the U.S. had one. <sup>4</sup>

### **Increasing Payroll**



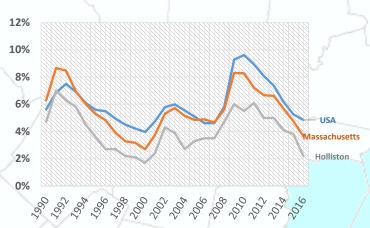
From Q2 2015 to Q2 2016, the payroll for all places of employment in Holliston was \$448,995,105.<sup>3</sup> As the town has recovered from the recession the payroll has increased significantly in the last few years.

#### **Growing Population**



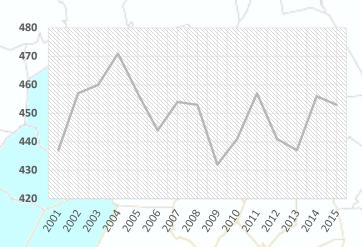
The population of Holliston has been increasing steadily after a slight dip recorded in the 2010 census. In 2000, the population of Holliston was 13,801. In 2010 it was 13,547, and in 2015, the population of Holliston was estimated to be approximately 14,525.<sup>5</sup>

# **Low Unemployment**



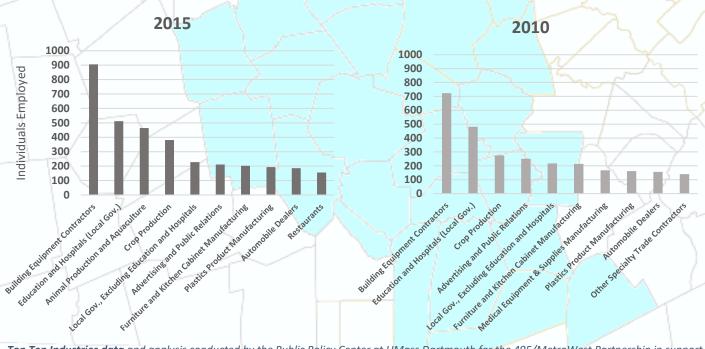
Beyond the year to year averages, in February 2017, the unemployment rate in Holliston was 3.4%. This is the same as the state and 495/MetroWest regional unemployment rates, which were both 3.4%, and much lower than the national unemployment rate of 4.8% <sup>3</sup>

## **Expanding Employers**



The number of employers in Holliston has been fluctuating. In 2001, there were 437 employers in the town, and by Q2 2016 this number had increased to 453.<sup>3</sup>

# **Top Ten Industries In Holliston**



**Top Ten Industries data** and analysis conducted by the Public Policy Center at UMass Dartmouth for the 495/MetroWest Partnership in support of the 495/MW Suburban Edge Community Commission utilizing 2014 US Census Bureau Local Employment Dynamics. For more information on these data sets please visit <a href="http://lehd.ces.census.gov/">http://lehd.ces.census.gov/</a>

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