

# Regional Competitiveness in the Berkshire Region

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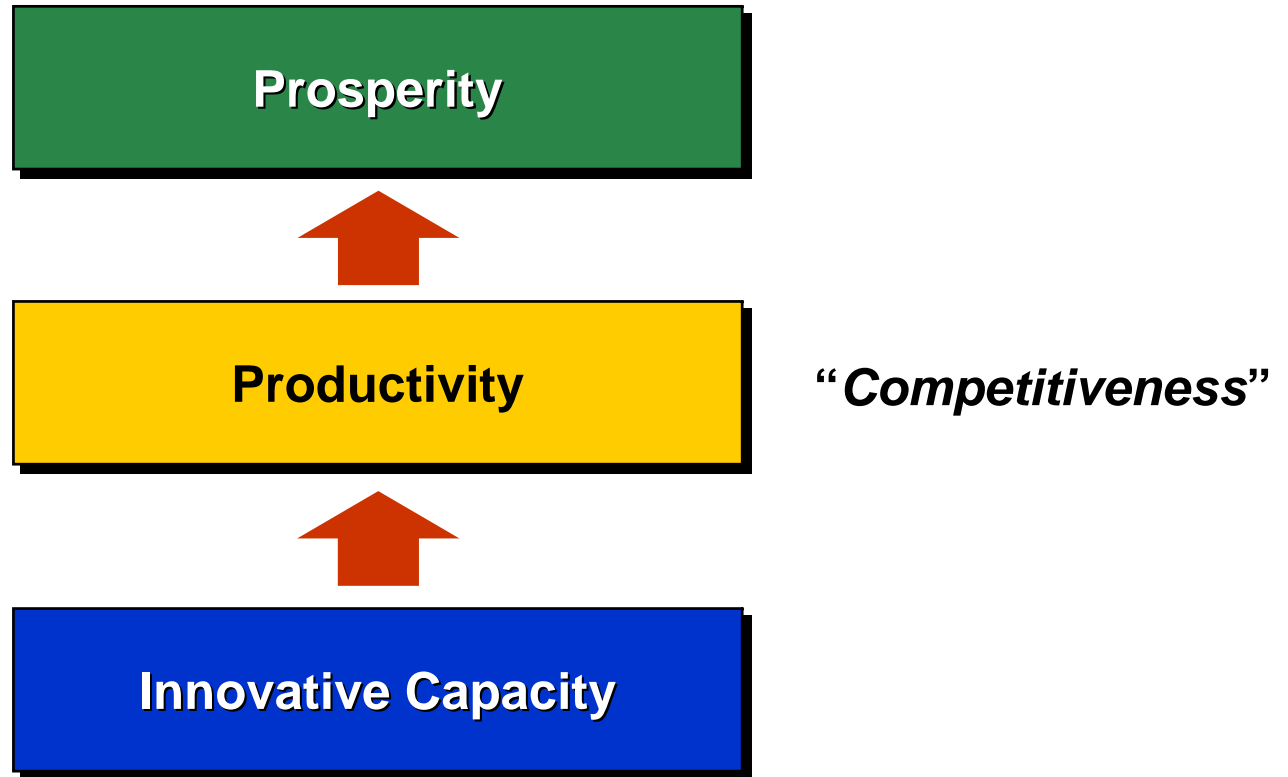
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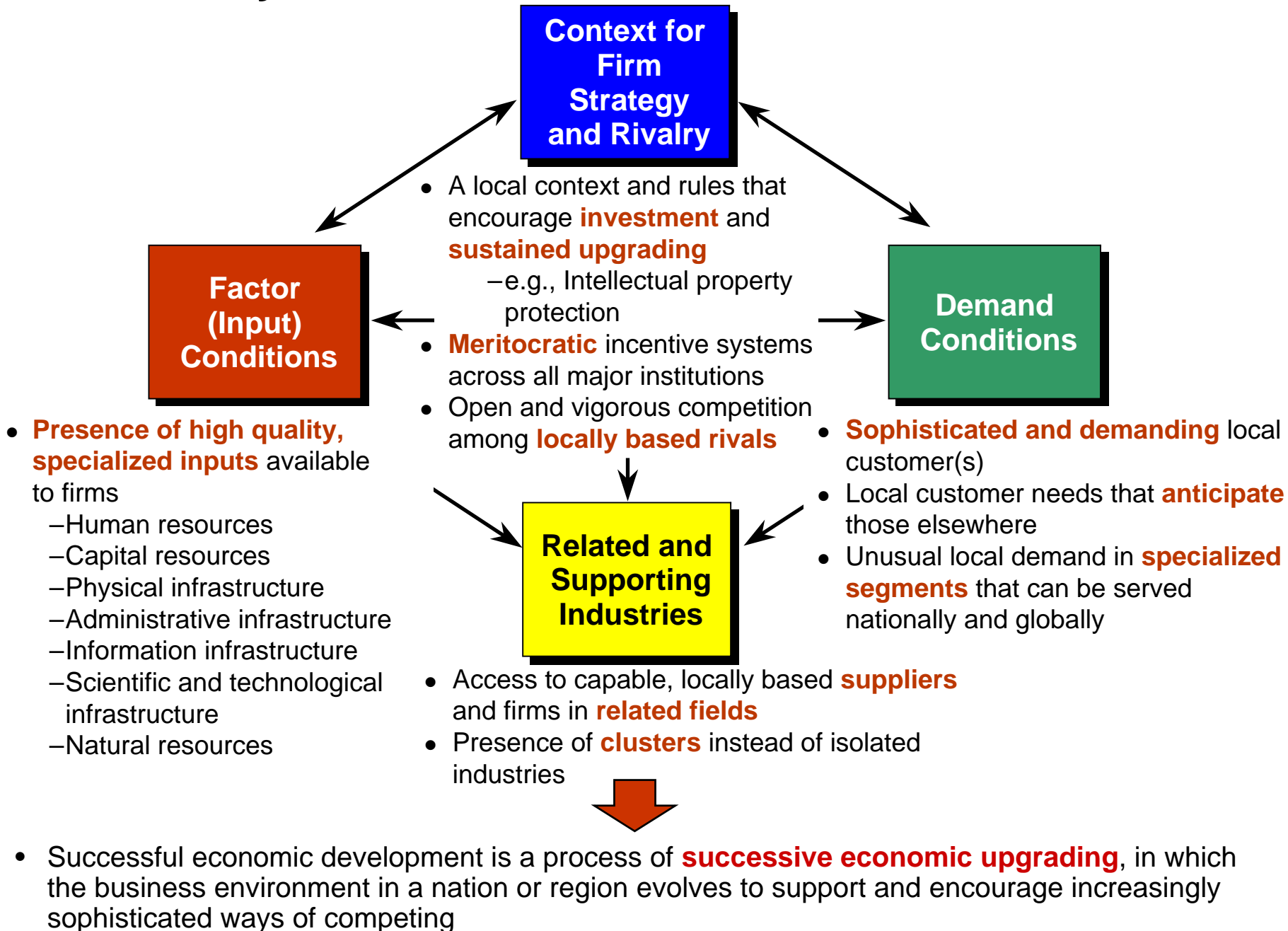
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# Sources of Prosperity



- The most important sources of prosperity are **created** not inherited
- Productivity does not depend on **what** industries a region competes in, but on **how** it competes
- The prosperity of a region depends on the productivity of **all** its industries
- Innovation is vital for long-term increases in productivity

# Productivity, Innovation, and the Business Environment



# Composition of Regional Economies

## United States

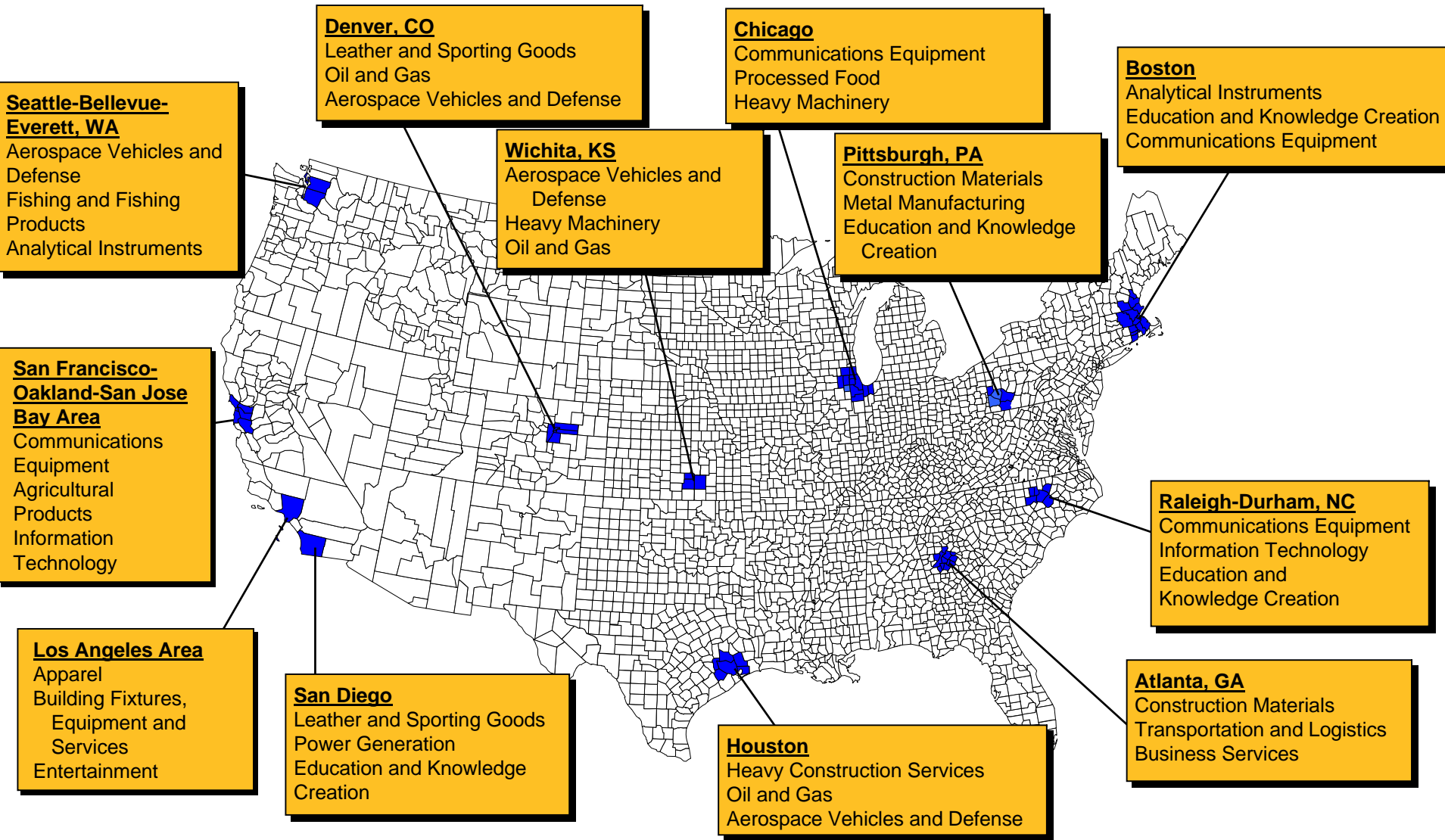
	Traded Clusters	Local Clusters	Natural Resource-Driven Industries
Share of Employment	31.6%	67.6%	0.8%
Employment Growth, 1990 to 2001	1.7%	2.8%	-1.0%
Average Wage	\$46,596	\$28,288	\$33,245
Relative Wage	133.8	84.2	99.0
Wage Growth	5.0%	3.6%	1.9%
Relative Productivity	144.1	79.3	140.1
Patents per 10,000 Employees	21.3	1.3	7.0
Number of SIC Industries	590	241	48

Note: 2001 data, except relative productivity which is 1997 data.

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# Specialization of Regional Economies

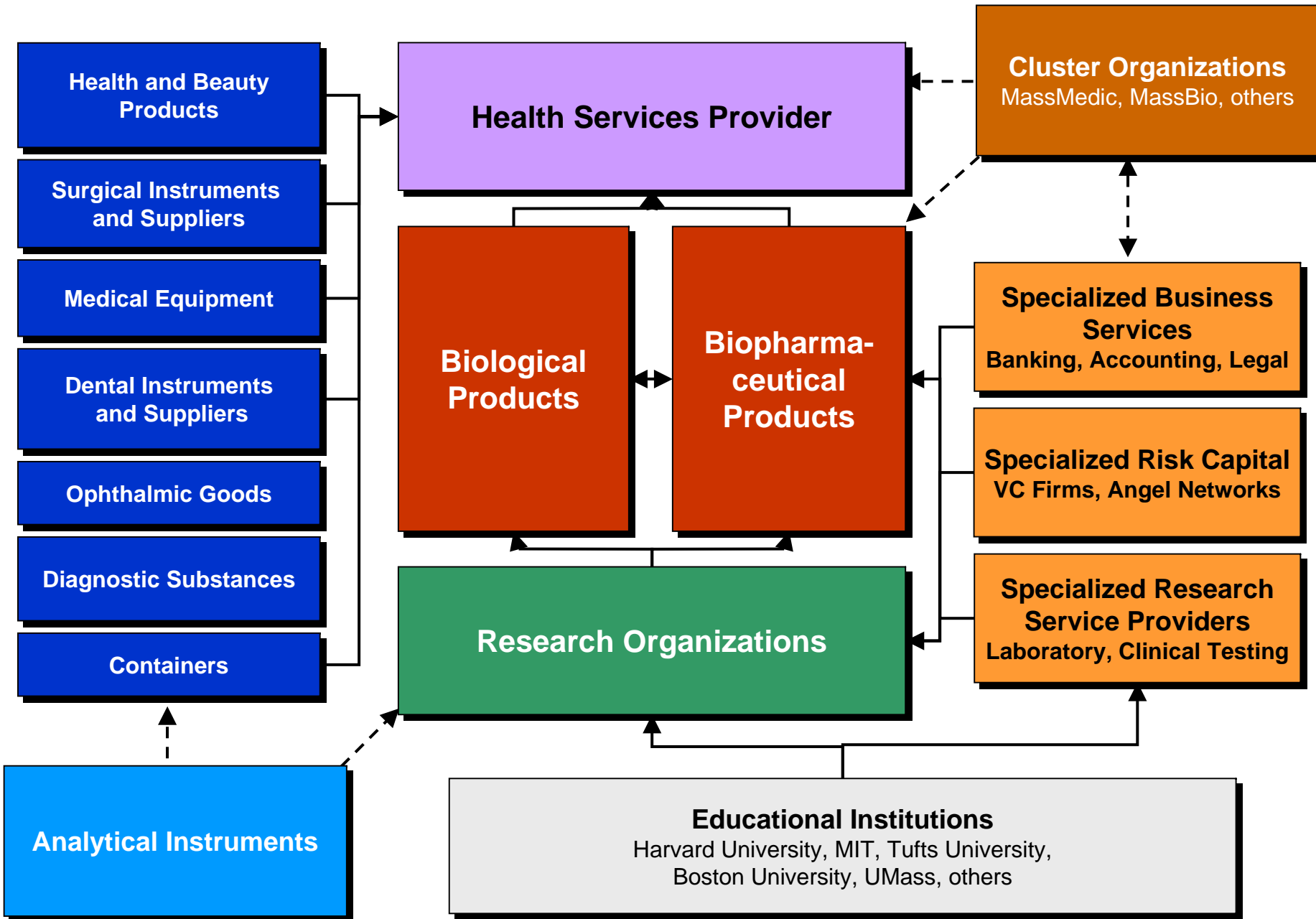
## Select U.S. Geographic Areas



Note: Clusters listed are the three highest ranking clusters in terms of share of national employment

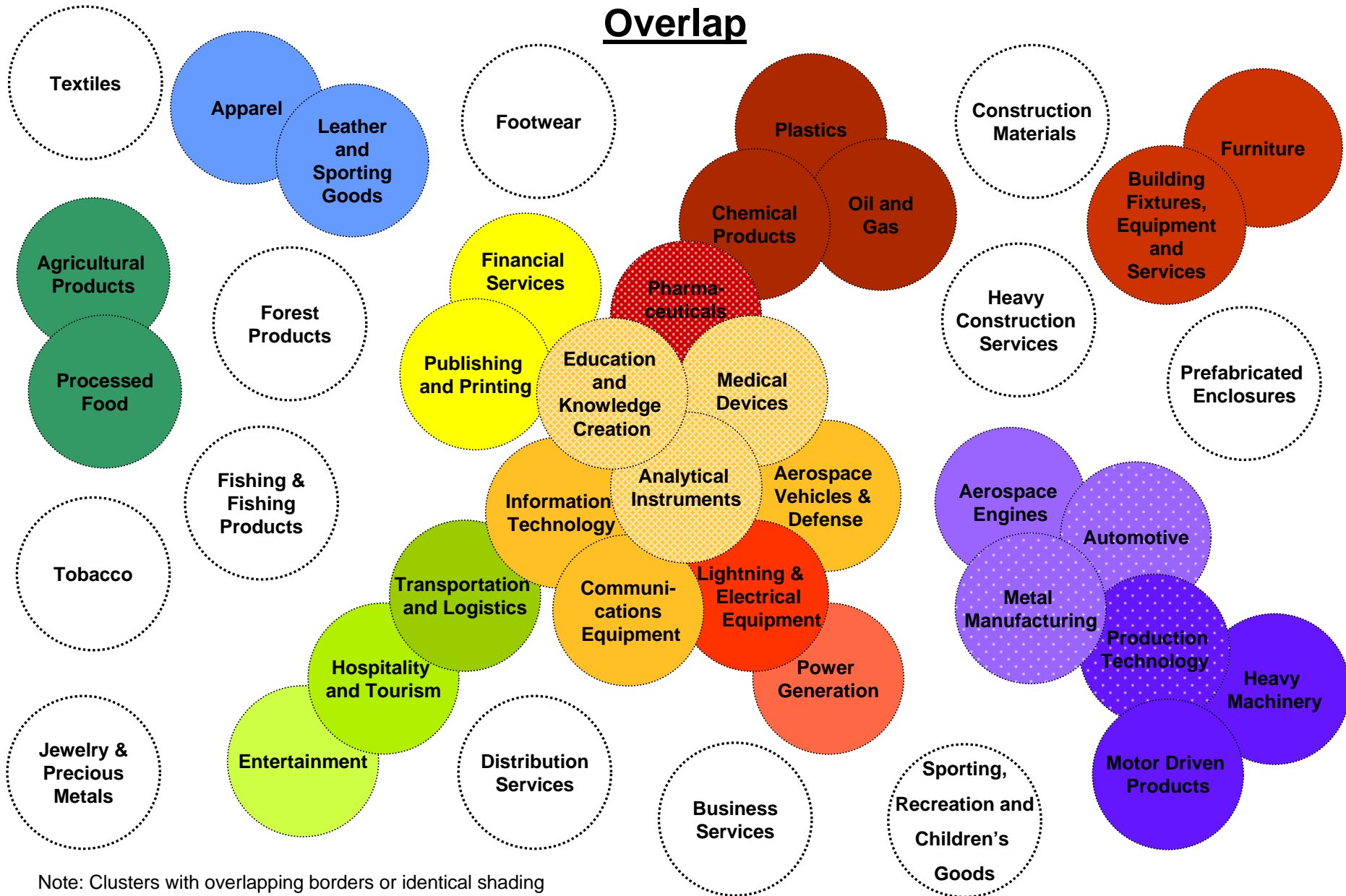
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# Massachusetts Life Sciences Cluster



# Traded Clusters

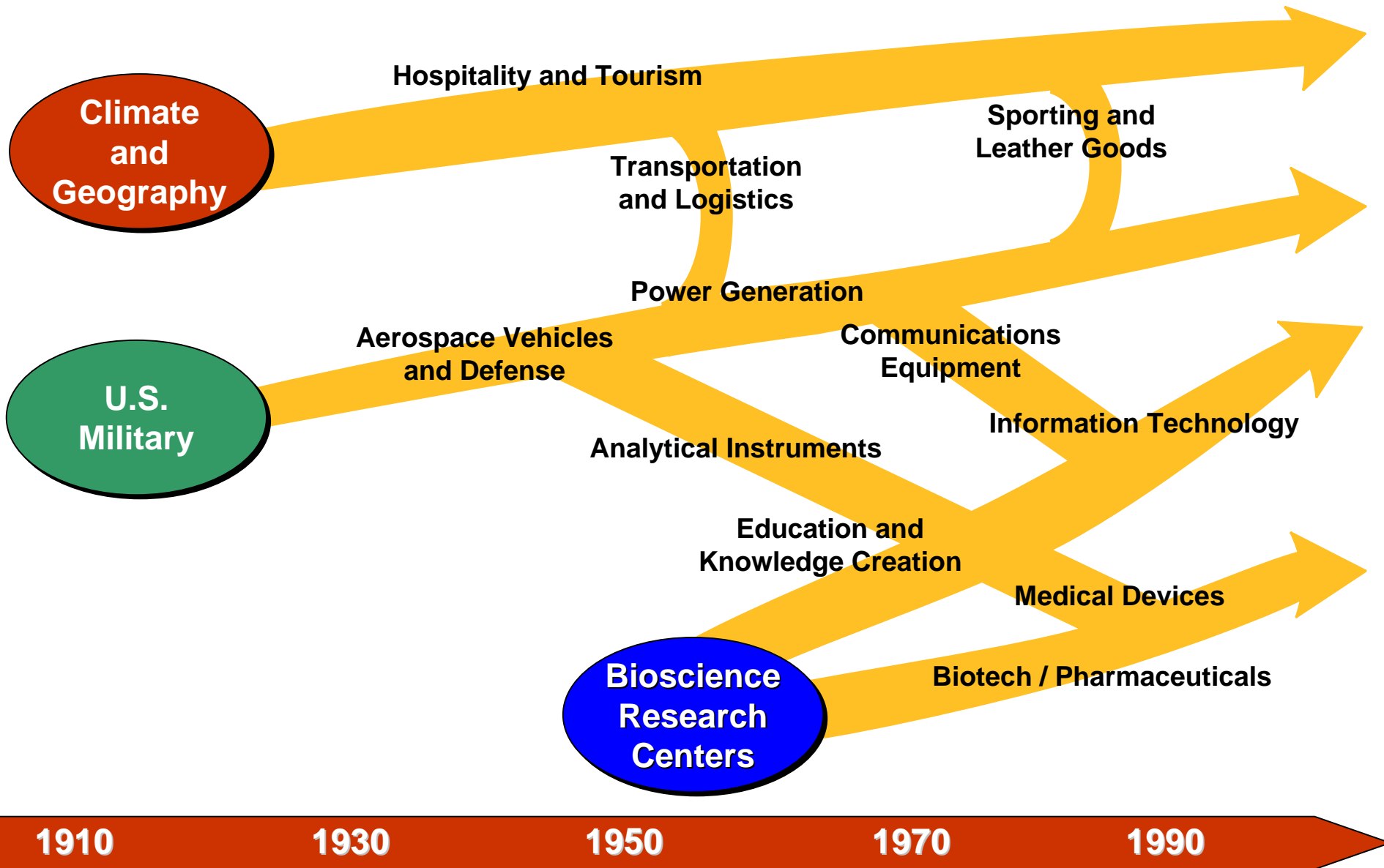
## Overlap



Note: Clusters with overlapping borders or identical shading have at least 20% overlap (by number of industries) in both directions

# The Evolution of Regional Economies

## San Diego





# Institutions for Collaboration

## Selected Massachusetts Organizations. Life Sciences

### Life Sciences Industry Associations

- Massachusetts Biotechnology Council
- Massachusetts Medical Device Industry Council
- Massachusetts Hospital Association

### General Industry Associations

- Associated Industries of Massachusetts
- Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
- High Tech Council of Massachusetts

### Economic Development Initiatives

- Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
- Mass Biomedical Initiatives
- Mass Development
- Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development

### University Initiatives

- Harvard Biomedical Community
- MIT Enterprise Forum
- Biotech Club at Harvard Medical School
- Technology Transfer offices

### Informal networks

- Company alumni
- Venture Capital community
- University alumni

### Joint Research Initiatives

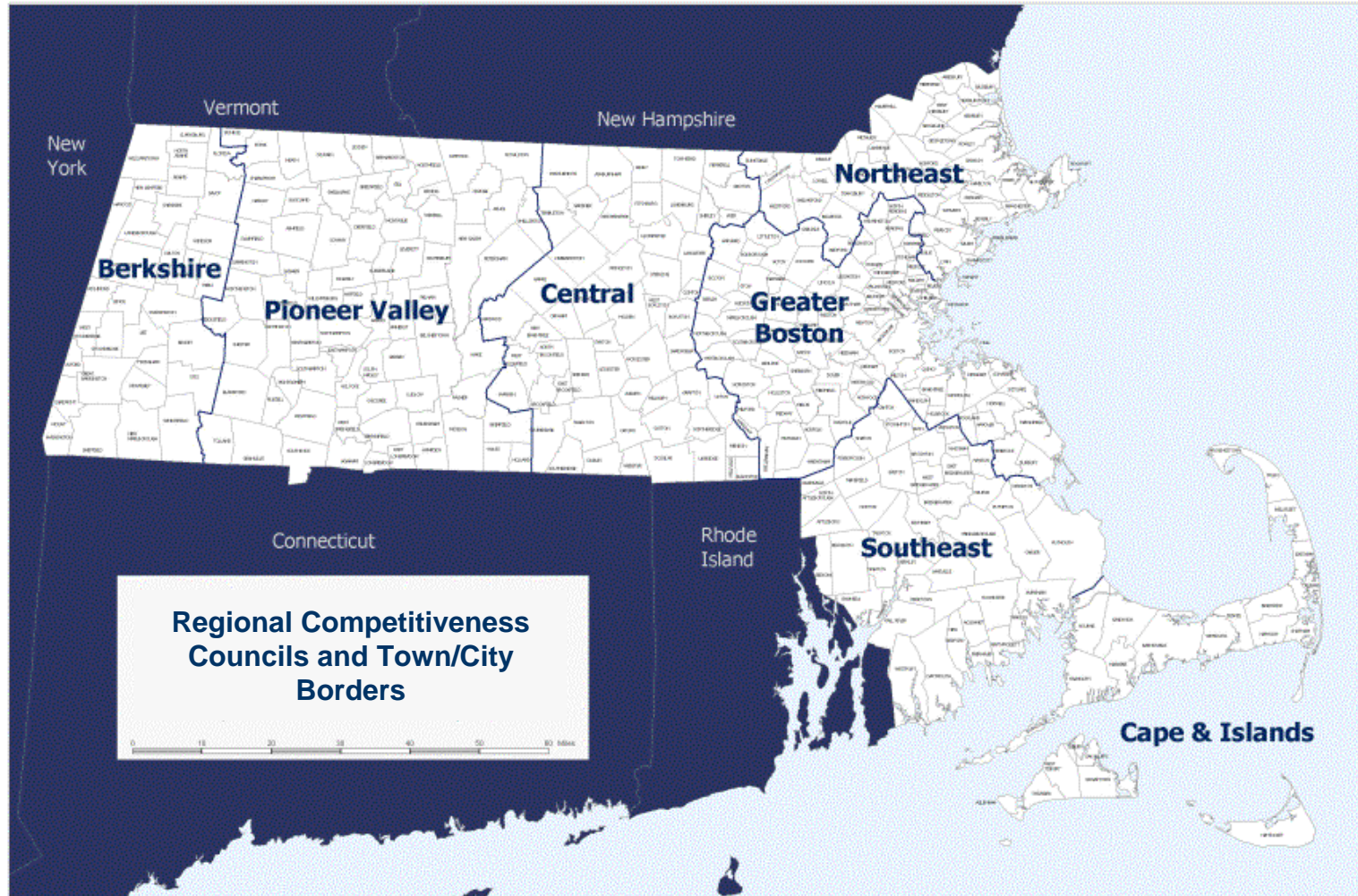
- New England Healthcare Institute
- Whitehead Institute For Biomedical Research
- Center for Integration of Medicine and Innovative Technology (CIMIT)

# Influences on Competitiveness

## Multiple Geographic Levels



# Massachusetts Regional Competitiveness Council Regions



# Regional Competitiveness

## Berkshire Region

- Foundations of Regional Competitiveness

- **Assessing the Competitiveness of the Berkshire region**

- Action Agenda

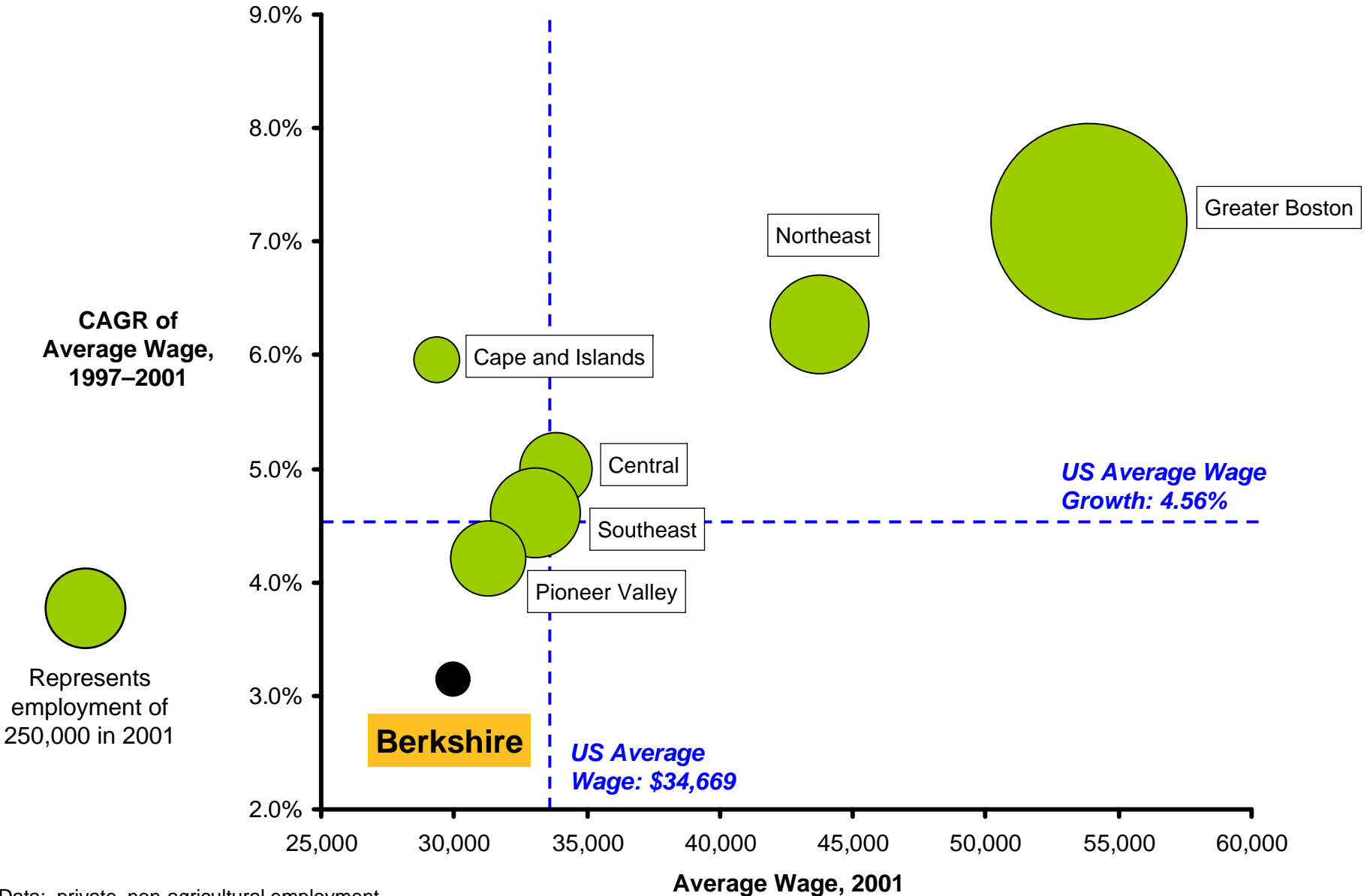
# Economic Performance

## Berkshire Region

- Wages are below the US and Massachusetts average, and lag both benchmarks in growth
  - Local wages are even slightly lower than expected given the region's overall wage level
- Employment has been essentially flat over the last five years growing at 0.6% annually, far below the US and Massachusetts average
  - The Berkshire region is the smallest of all Massachusetts region in terms of employment
- The Berkshire region registered establishment growth in line with the U.S. average and above most other Massachusetts regions
- Patenting rates of 5.2 patents per 10,000 employees in 2001 put the region behind most other Massachusetts regions

# Comparative Performance of Regions

## Wage Growth and Wages



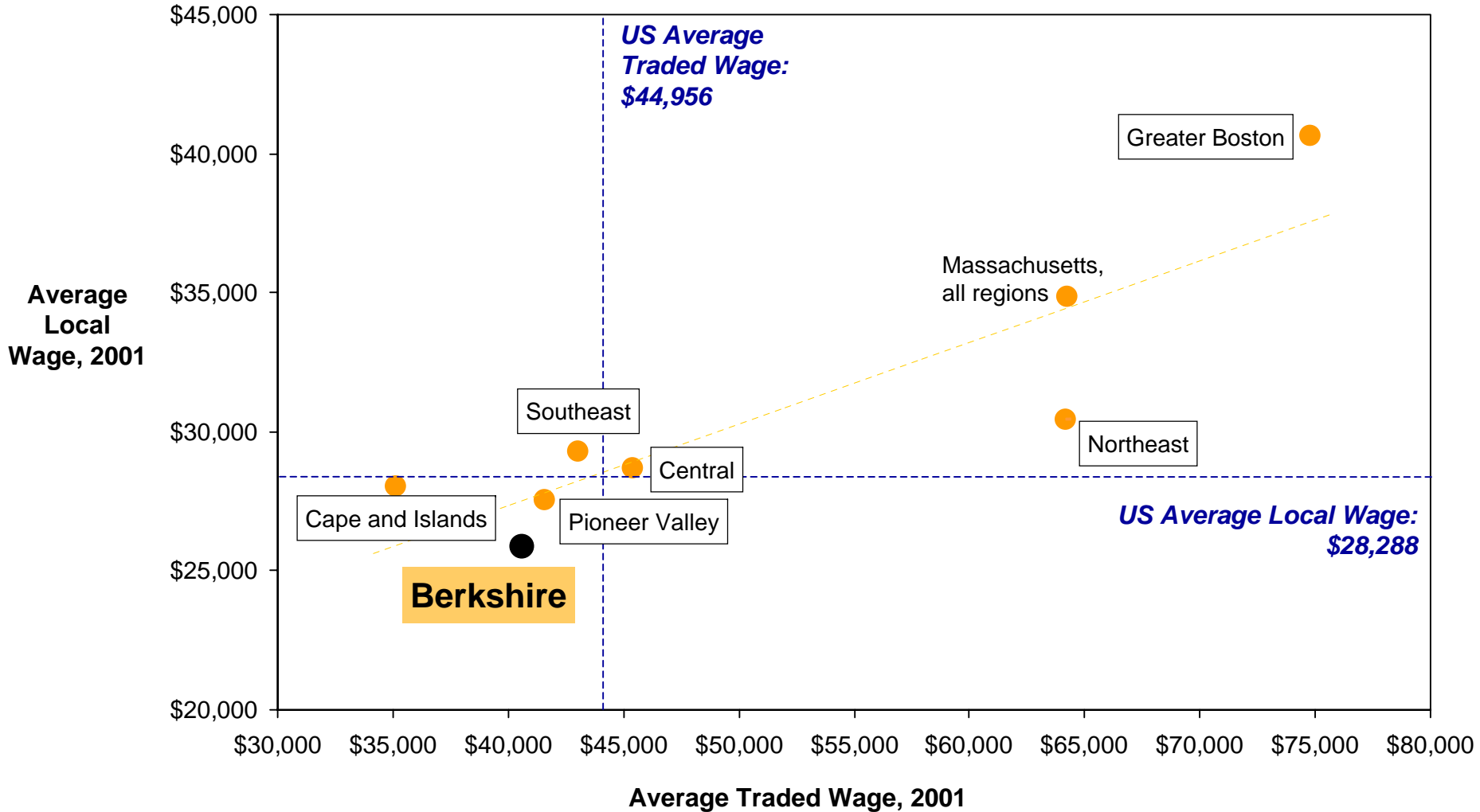
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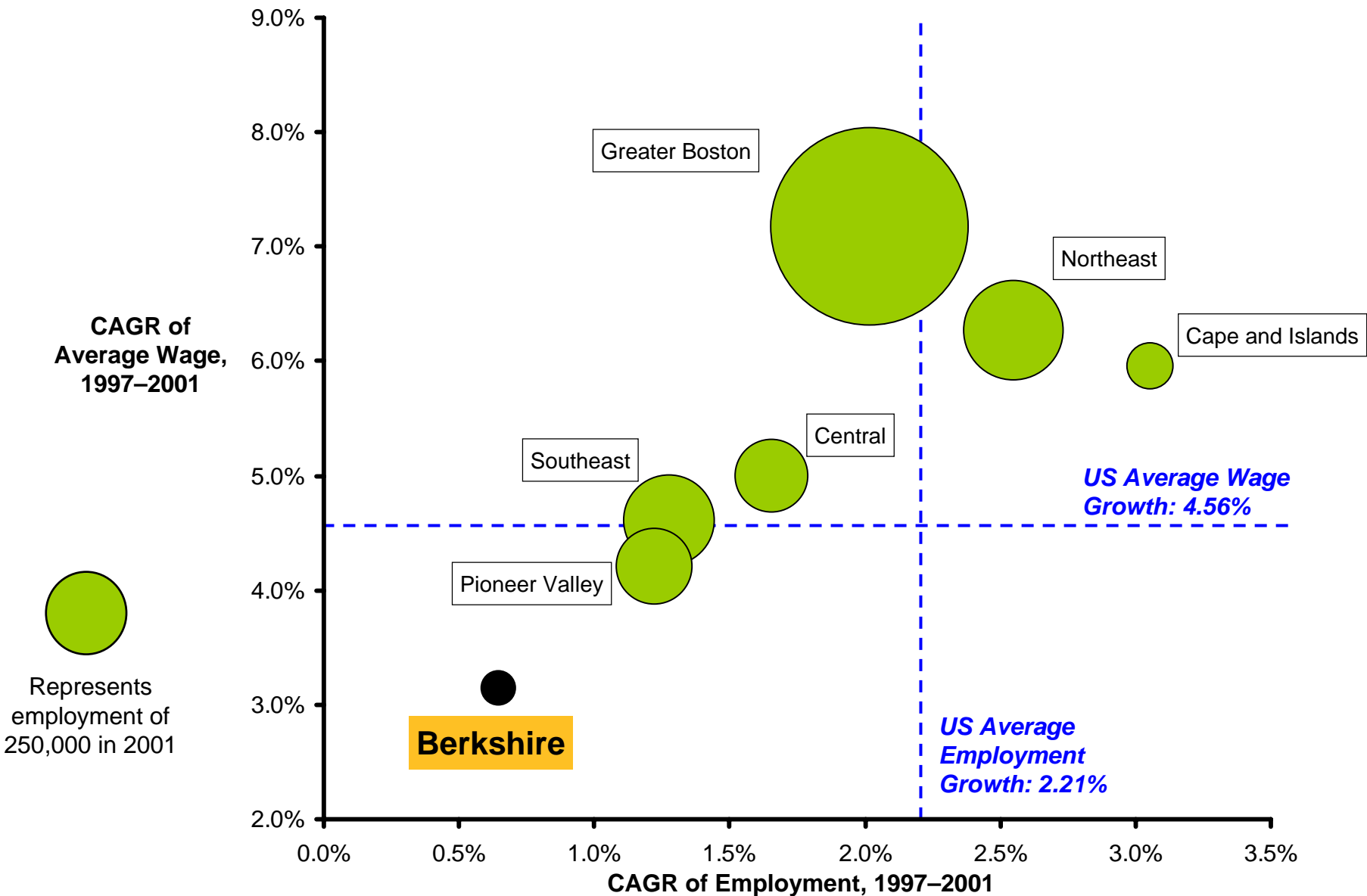
# Wages in Traded and Local Industries

## Massachusetts Regions



# Comparative Performance of Regions

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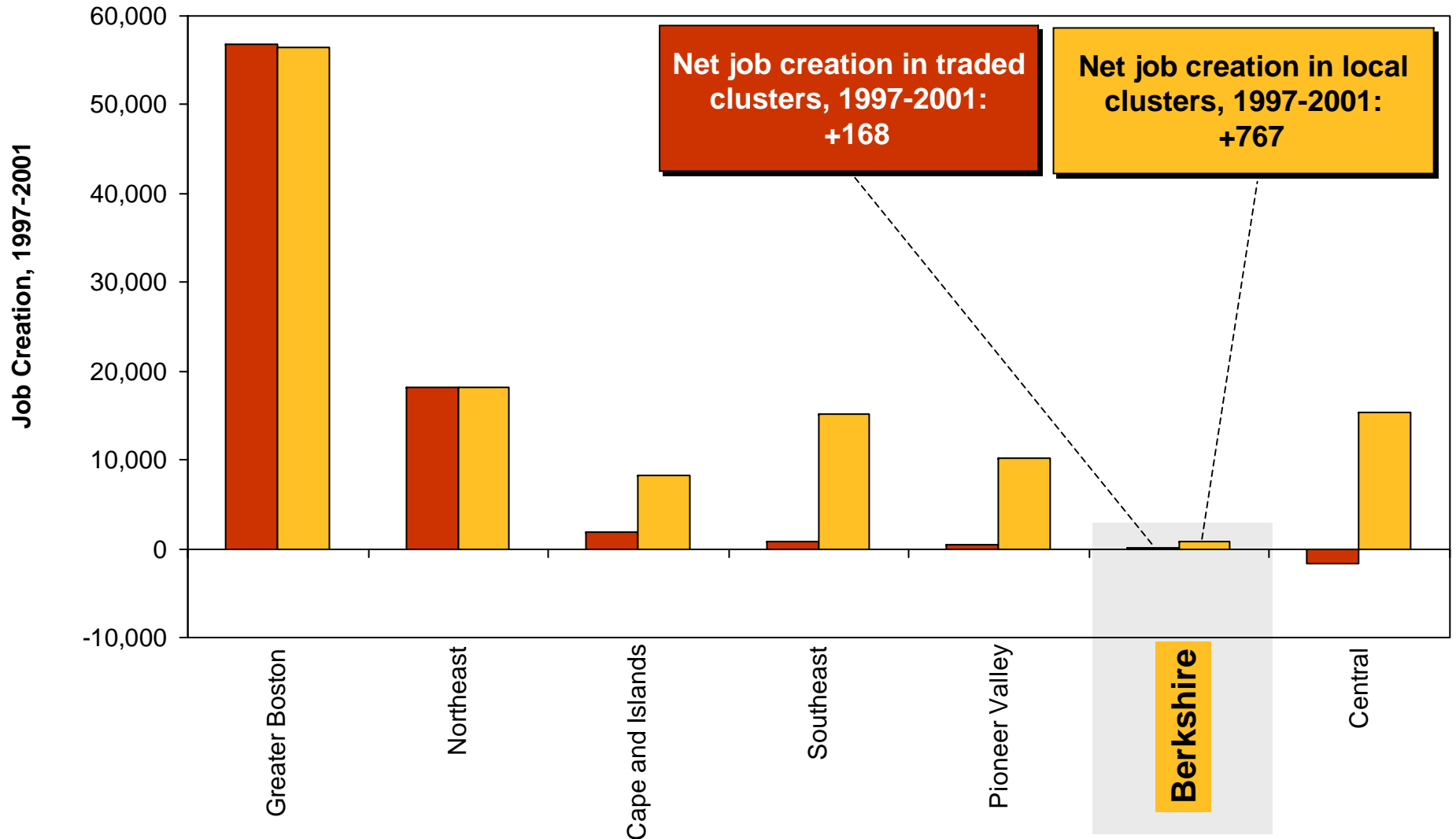
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# Job Creation

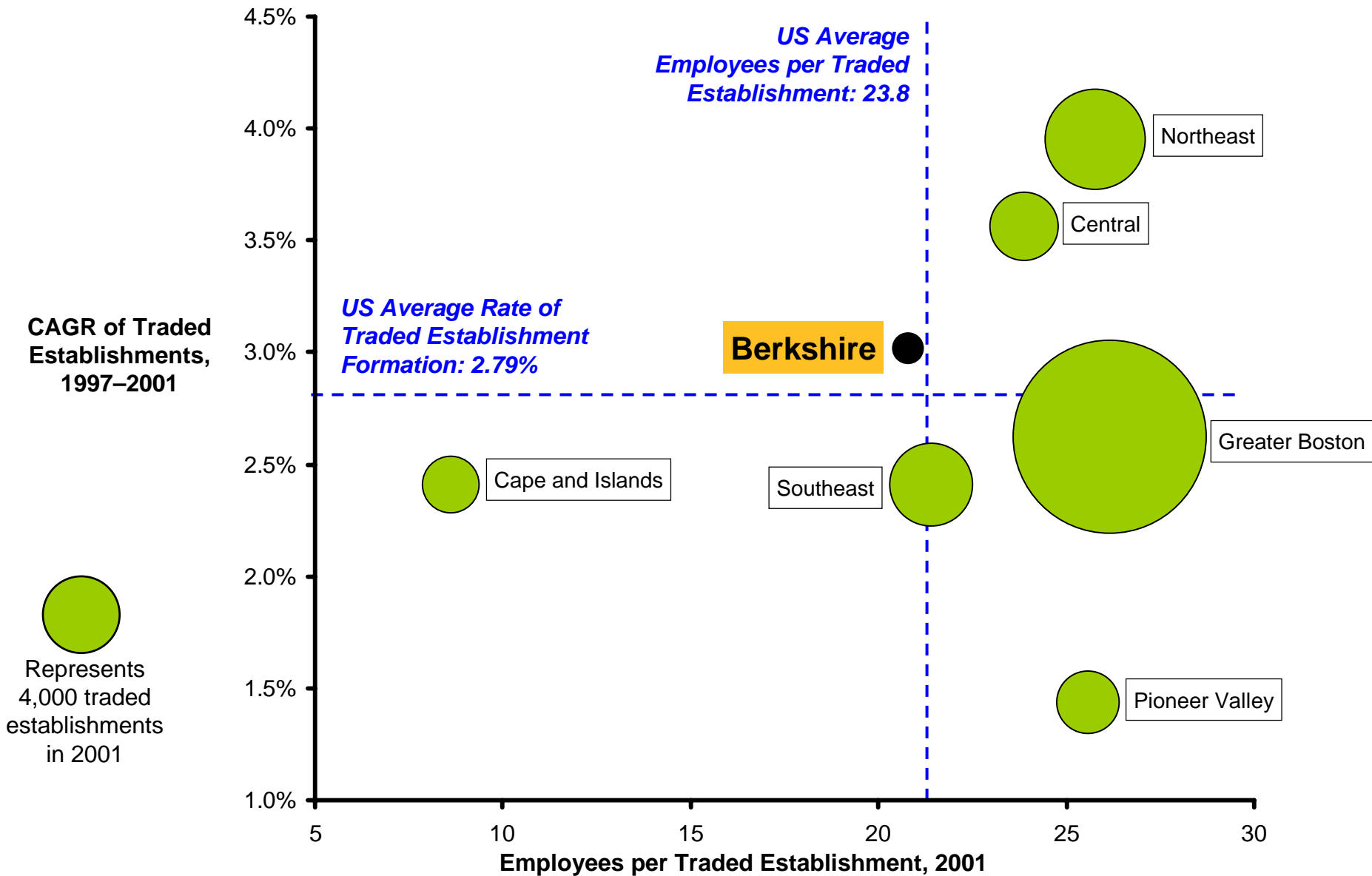
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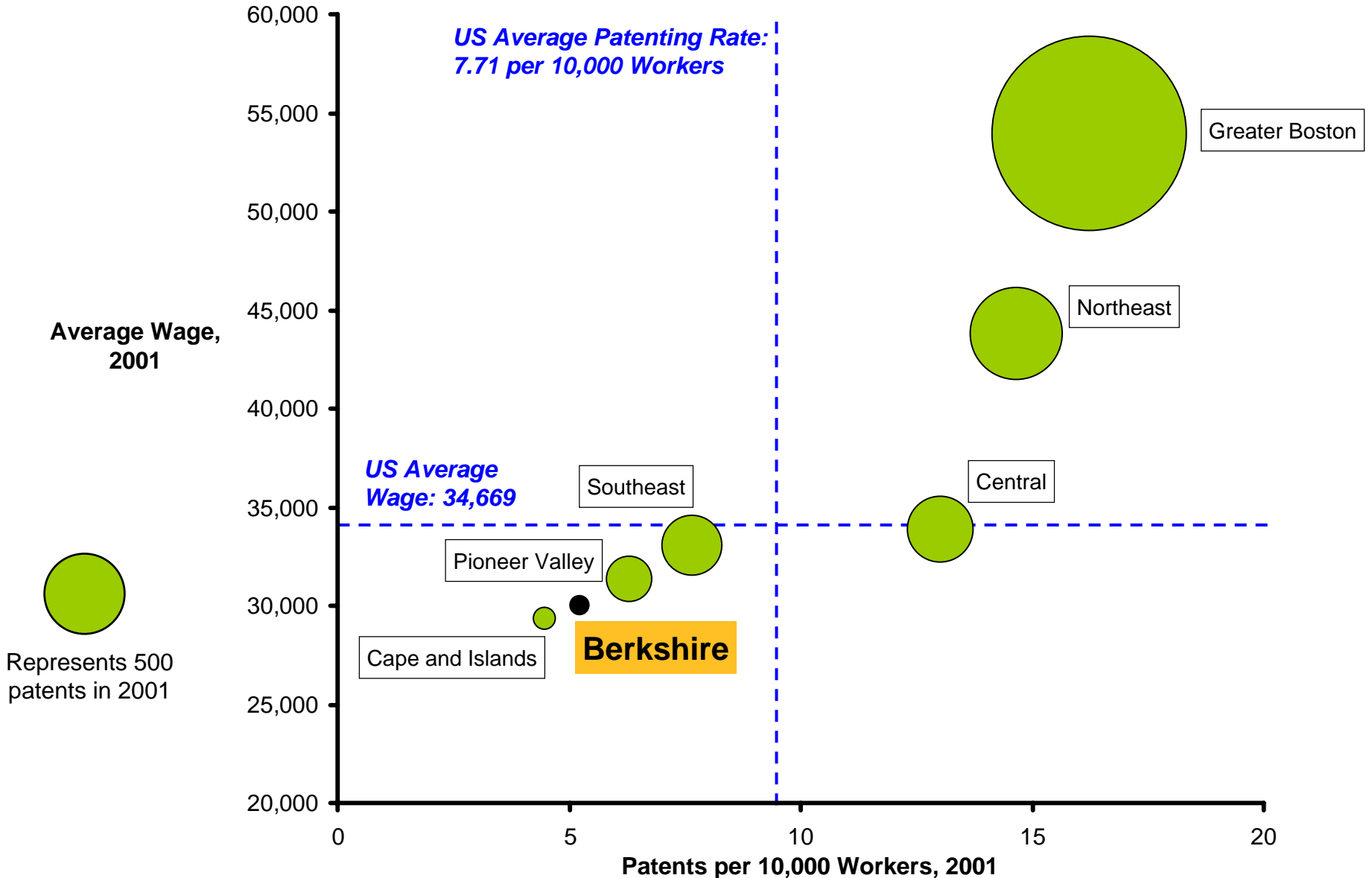
# Comparative Performance of Regions

## Establishment Formation in Traded Clusters



# Comparative Performance of Regions

## Wages and Patenting Rates



# Patents by Organization

## Berkshire Region

	Organization	Patents Issued from 1997 to 2001
1	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	21
2	GENERAL DYNAMICS	9
3	FOLSOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	7
4	BELOIT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	7
5	MORRISON BERKSHIRE, INC.	6
6	LAKEWOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.	6
7	MARTIN-MARIETTA CORPORATION	6
8	MRA LABORATORIES, INC.	4
9	KAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	4
10	BERKSHIRE CORPORATION	4
11	MAGNA-LASTIC DEVICES, INC.	3
12	LENOX INSTITUTE OF WATER TECHNOLOGY, INC.	3
13	MEAD CORPORATION	3
14	MARLAND MOLD, INC.	2
15	MAGNETOELASTIC DEVICES, INC.	2
16	DISPLAY SCIENCE, INC.	2
17	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION	2
18	FUSION LIGHTING, INC.	2

Note: The USPTO assigns location based on the inventor's address rather than that of the institutional owner.

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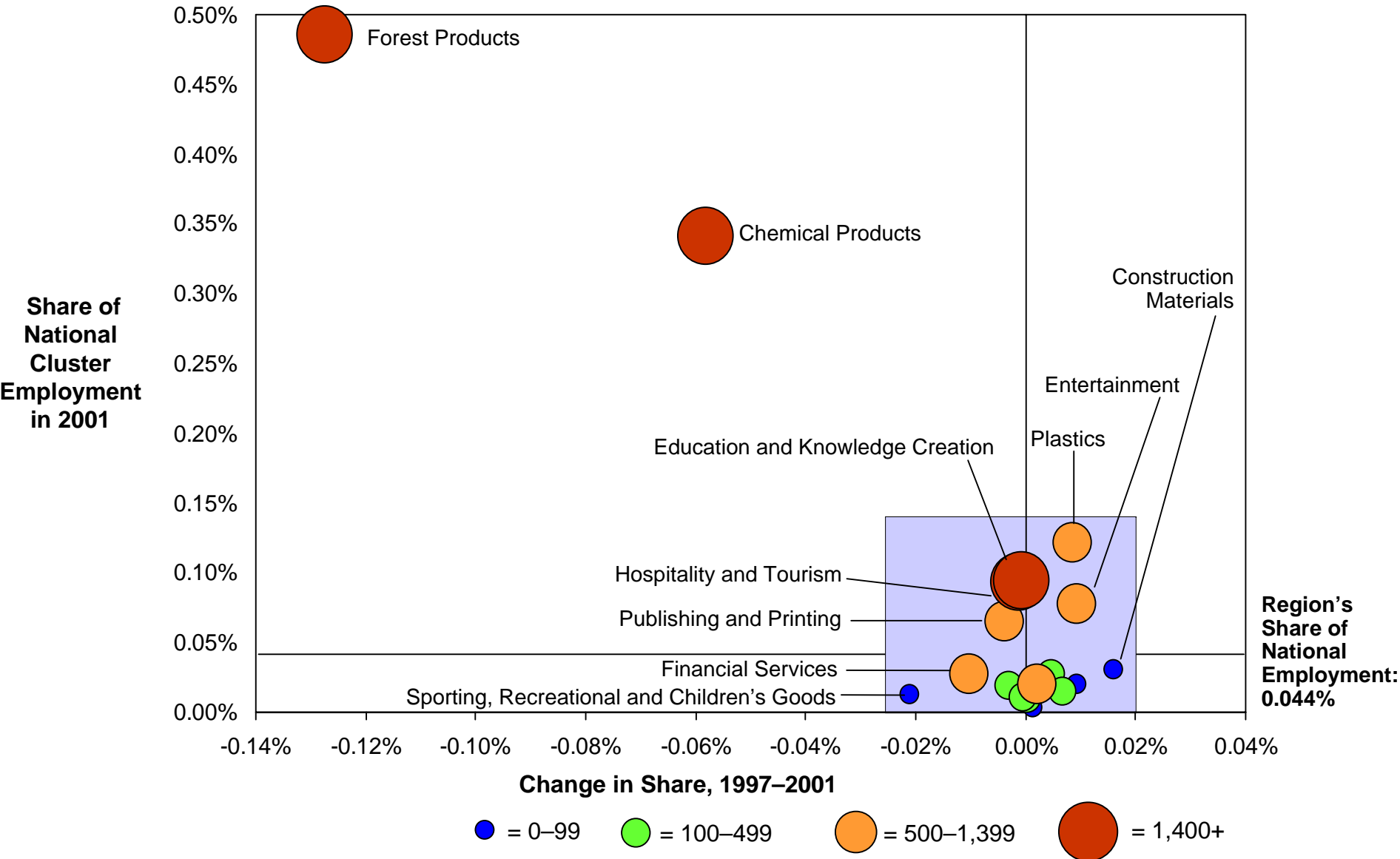
# Composition

## Berkshire Region

- The Berkshire region has a strong position in a number of clusters
  - Forest Products
  - Chemical Products, Plastics
  - Hospitality and Tourism
  - Education and Knowledge Creation
  - Entertainment, Printing and Publishing
- The Berkshire region is losing position in almost all of its traditionally strong clusters
  - Largest losses in forest products and chemicals
  - Plastics is the only cluster with job growth and increasing national share
- Among local clusters, local health care employment has dropped significantly against the trend across the state
- Chemical products and forest products are the only clusters of significance in which wages in the region exceed the state average

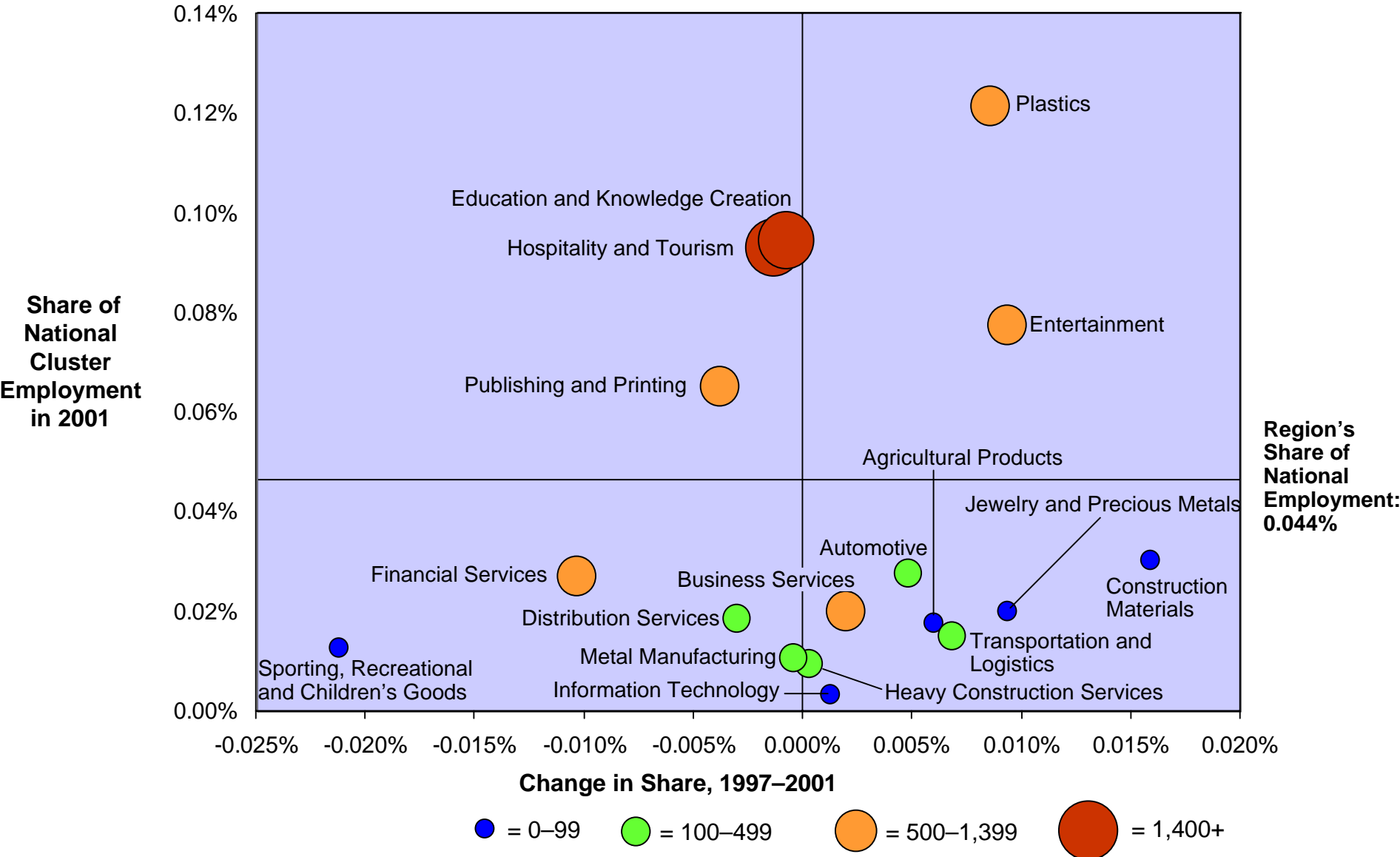
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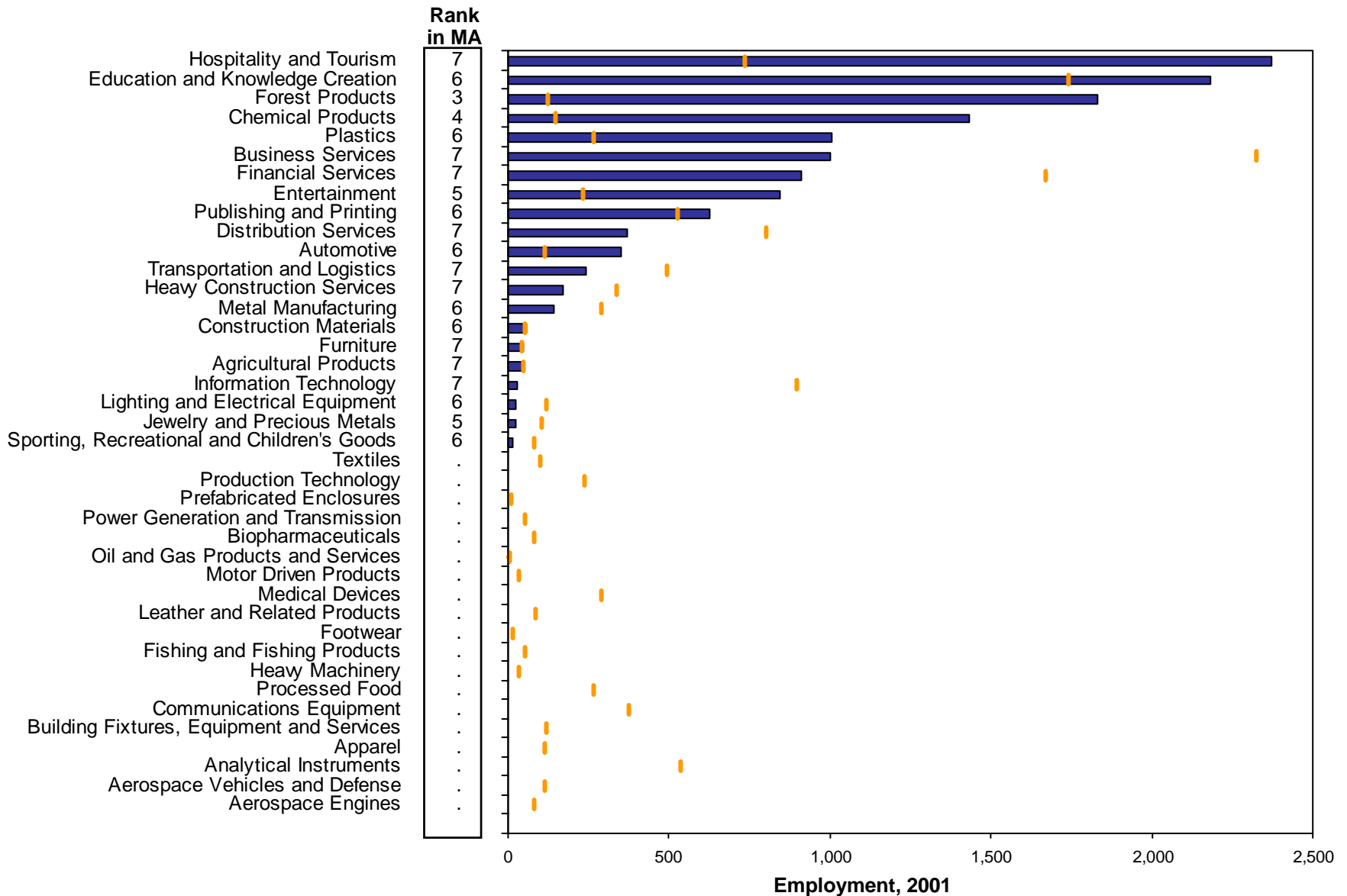
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# Employment By Traded Cluster

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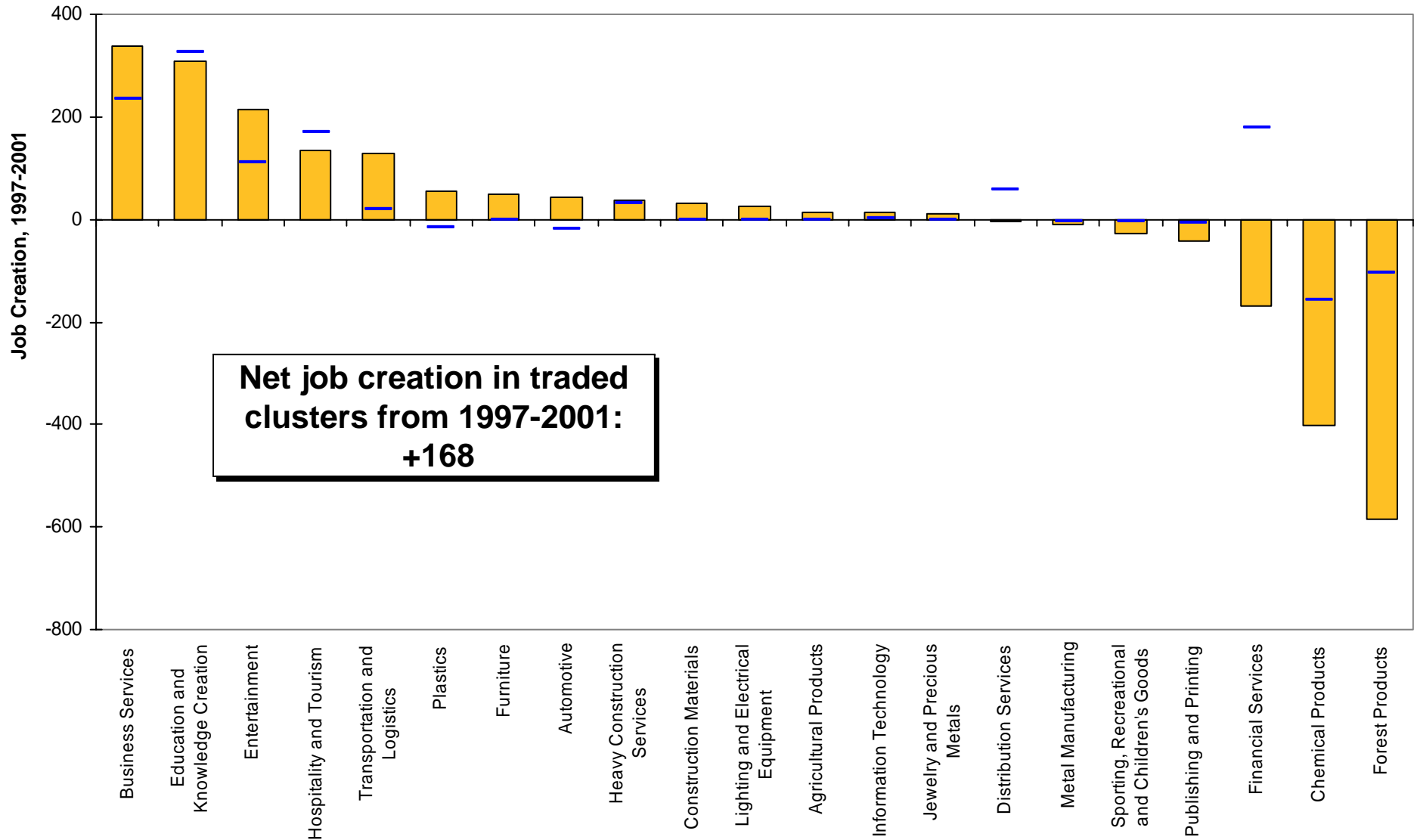
| - Indicates expected employment at rates in the **state benchmark for traded clusters**. Rank is across 7 state regions.

Source: Cluster Mapping Project, Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness, Harvard Business School



# Job Creation By Traded Cluster

## Berkshire Region



— Indicates expected job creation at rates achieved in **national benchmark** clusters, i.e. % change in national benchmark times initial employment.

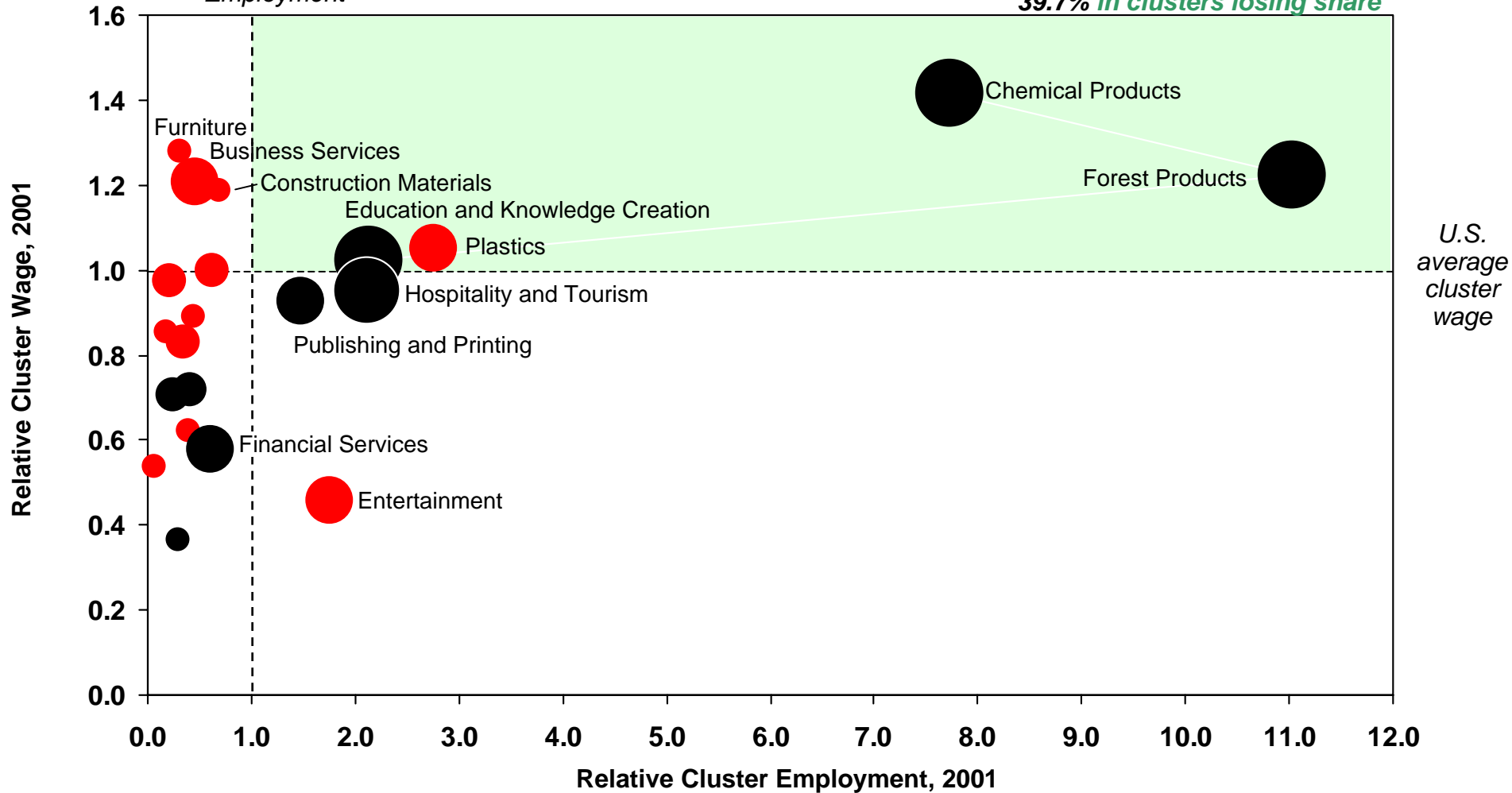
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# Relative Cluster Performance

## Berkshire Region

47.0% of traded employment  
 7.3% in clusters gaining share  
 39.7% in clusters losing share

0.044% of U.S.  
 Employment



● = 0-99   ● = 100-499   ● = 500-1,399   ● = 1,400+

**Red = Gaining Share**  
**Black = Losing Share**

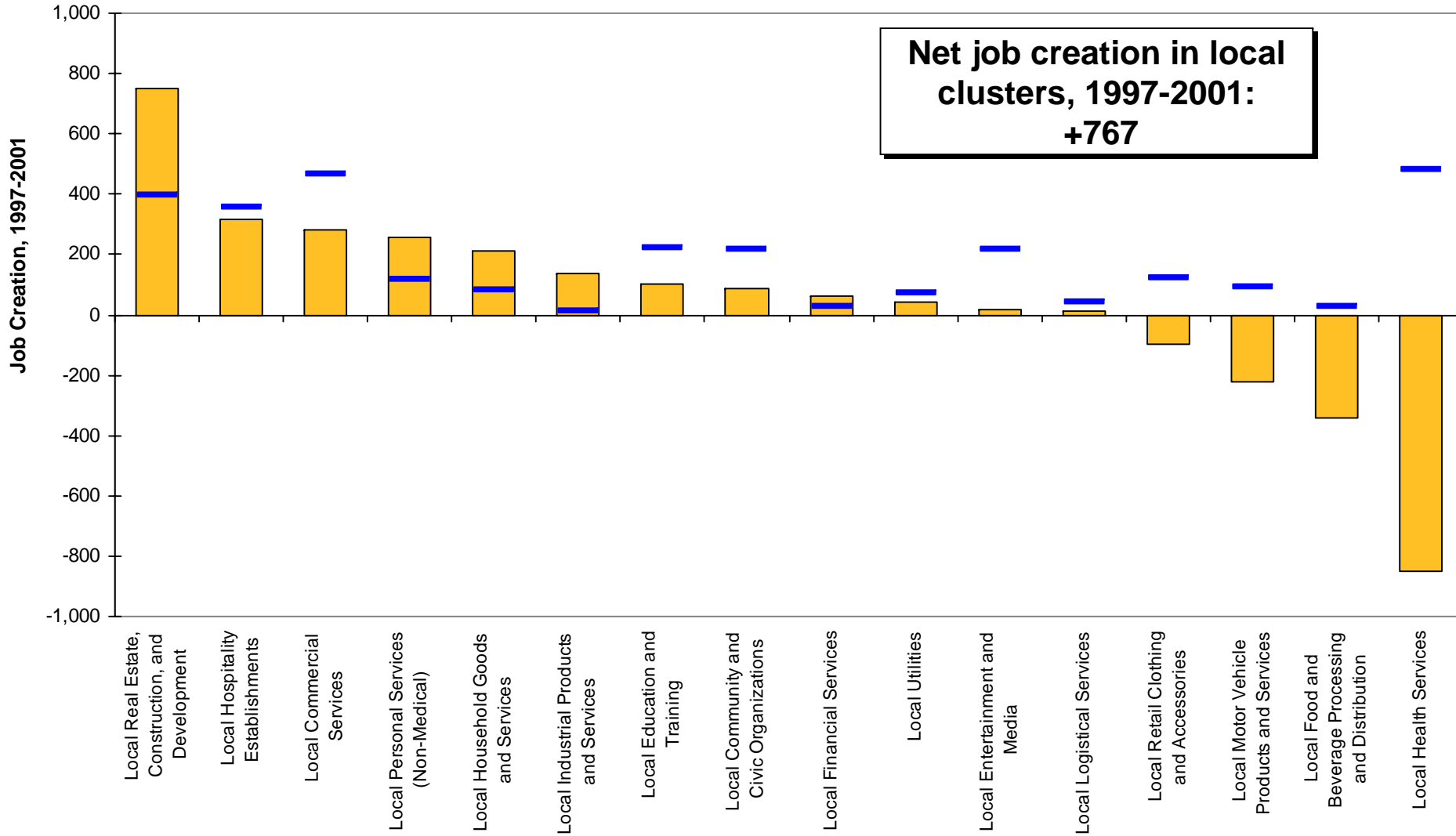
Note: US wage and employment benchmarks

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# Job Creation By Local Cluster

## Berkshire Region

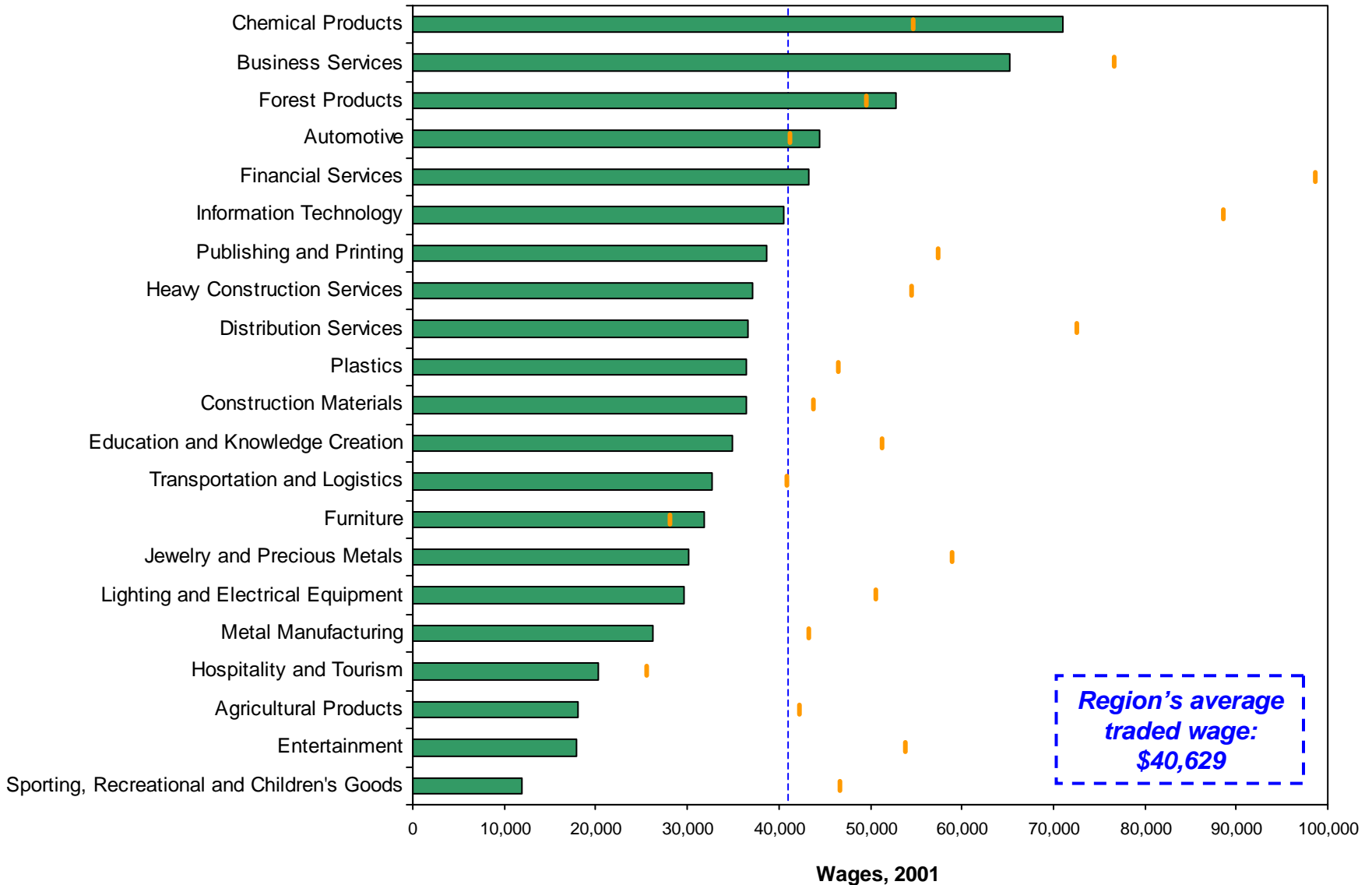


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# Wages By Traded Cluster

## Berkshire Region with State Benchmarks



Region's average  
 traded wage:  
**\$40,629**

! - Indicates Massachusetts average wage in the cluster.

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# Leading Sub-Clusters by Location Quotient

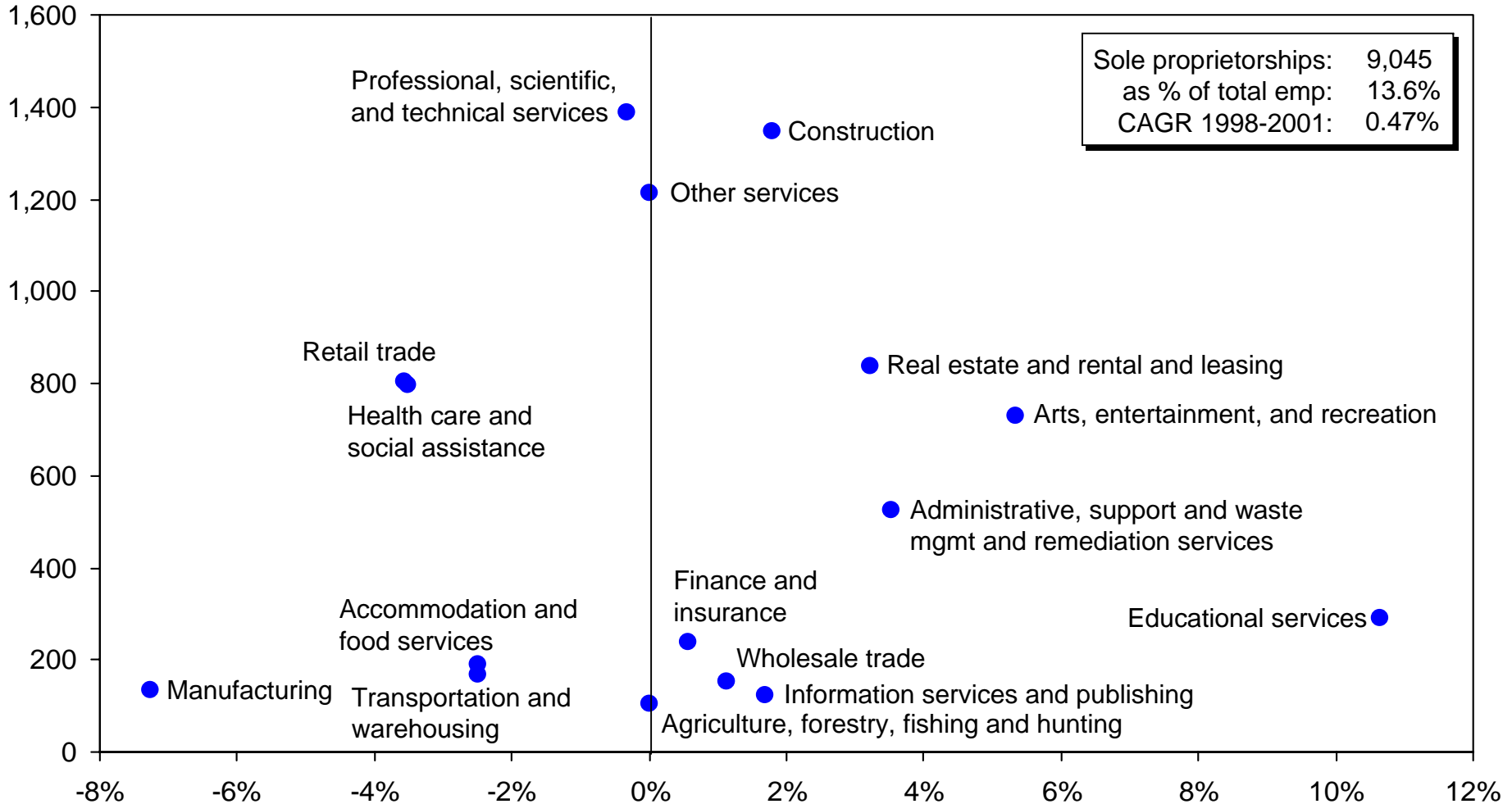
## Berkshire Region, 2001

Cluster	Subcluster	Location Quotient	Share of National Employment	Rank among Massachusetts Regions	Employment
Hospitality and Tourism	Accommodations and Related Services	2.67	0.12%	4	2,135
	Tourism Attractions	1.61	0.07%	7	197
Education and Knowledge Creation	Educational Facilities	6.76	0.30%	4	439
	Educational Institutions	2.19	0.10%	6	1,580
	Research Organizations	0.74	0.03%	6	162
Forest Products	Paper Industries Machinery	25.00	1.10%	4	145
	Paper Mills	16.28	0.72%	1	1,688
Chemical Products	Ammunition	509.55	22.44%	1	1,433
Plastics	Plastic Materials and Resins	5.20	0.23%	5	359
	Plastic Products	2.41	0.11%	6	648
Business Services	Online Information Services	1.52	0.07%	4	135
	Computer Programming	0.96	0.04%	6	500
	Engineering Services	0.43	0.02%	7	161
Financial Services	Depository Institutions	1.92	0.08%	7	788
Entertainment	Entertainment Venues	2.93	0.13%	6	566
	Entertainment Related Services	2.27	0.10%	5	272
Publishing and Printing	Printing Services	3.54	0.16%	6	402
	Publishing	1.37	0.06%	6	190
	Signs and Advertising Specialties	0.85	0.04%	6	33
Distribution Services	Catalog and Mail-order	2.46	0.11%	4	248
	Apparel and Accessories Wholesaling	0.59	0.03%	6	57
Automotive	Production Equipment	5.37	0.24%	4	322
Transportation and Logistics	Airports	0.68	0.03%	6	41
	Air Transportation	0.40	0.02%	7	152
Heavy Construction Services	Primary Construction Materials	0.66	0.03%	6	33
Metal Manufacturing	Metal Processing	1.20	0.05%	6	143
	Construction Materials	Cut and Crushed Stone	3.27	0.14%	3
Furniture	Wood Products	0.87	0.04%	4	22
	Wood Materials and Products	1.00	0.04%	1	34
Agricultural Products	Farm Management and Related Services	1.13	0.05%	7	48
Lighting and Electrical Equipment	Lighting Fixtures	1.55	0.07%	3	26
Jewelry and Precious Metals	Jewelry and Precious Metal Products	0.54	0.02%	5	24
Sporting, Recreational and Children's Goods	Games, Toys, and Children's Vehicles	1.35	0.06%	5	13

# Sole Proprietorship Employment and Growth

## Berkshire Region

Sole Proprietorship  
Employment  
2001

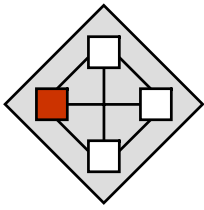


Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of Sole Proprietorship Employment, 1998–2001

# Business Environment

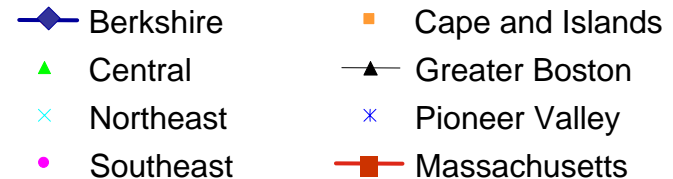
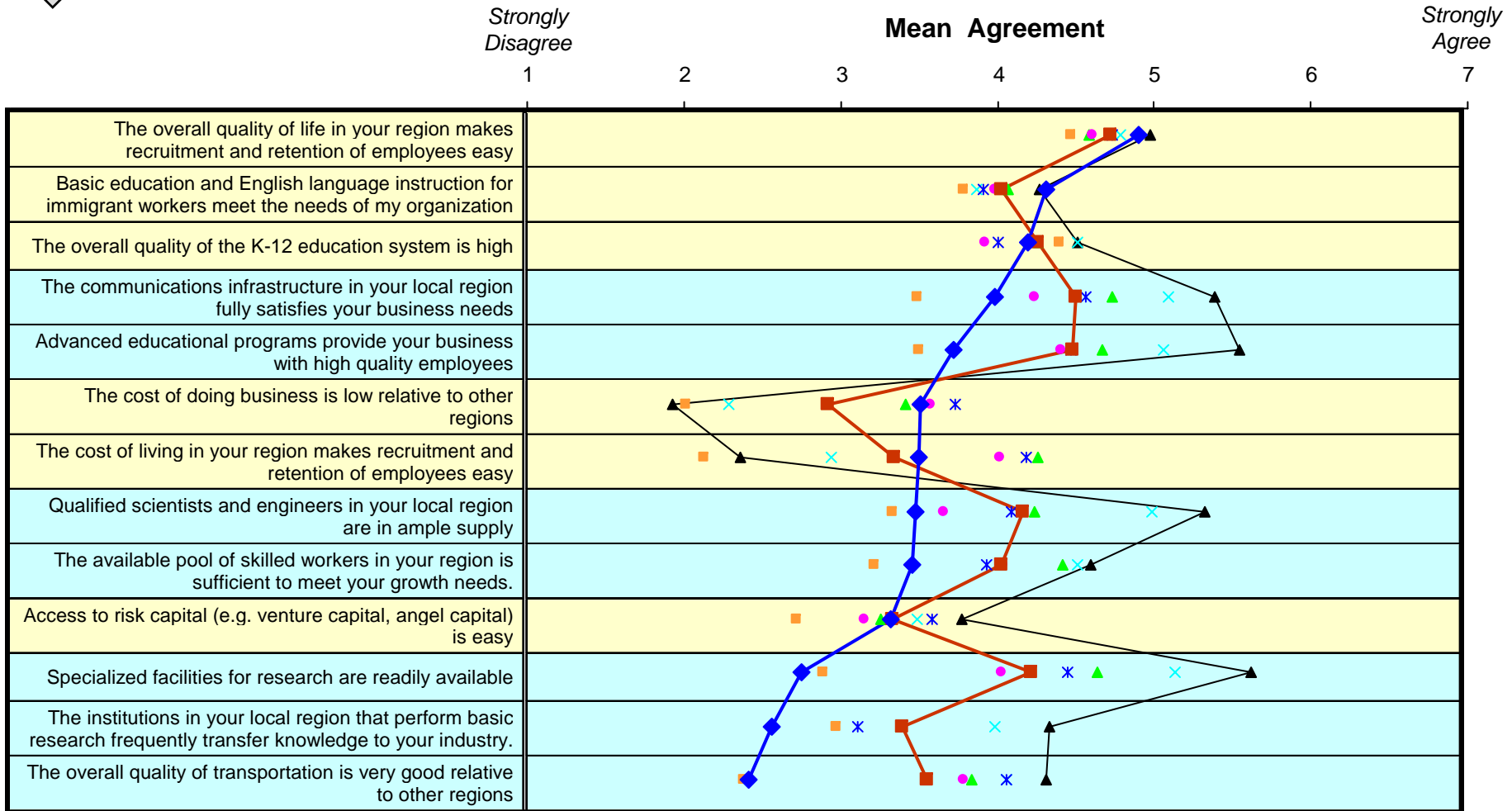
## Berkshire

- Companies in the Berkshire region view their location as significantly different from the state average
  - Key disadvantages include the quality of **physical infrastructure**, the available **skill pool**, the access to specialized **research institutions**, the strengths of **clusters**, and local **demand conditions**
    - Educational institutions get comparatively low ratings, consistent with the reported skill shortages in the region
  - Key advantages include high **quality of life** and relatively **low cost of doing business**
    - Cost of living, however, is not seen as a relative advantage compared to neighboring regions in western Massachusetts or the Southeast region
- The weaknesses in the business environment are reflected in the reported **key priorities for government** and future threats to the region
  - Skill base, infrastructure, and retaining the region's cost position
- Business leaders in the region report the highest capability and willingness to **contribute** to an economic development strategy across all regions in the state; they also feel most strongly that currently **no such strategy exists**

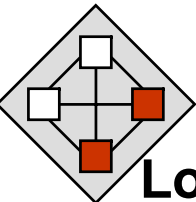


# Regional Comparisons

## Availability of Inputs

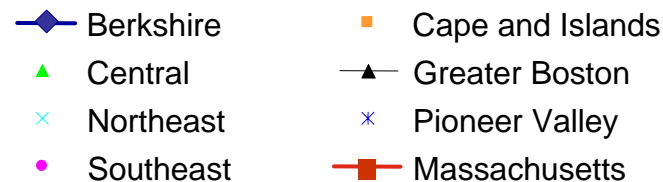
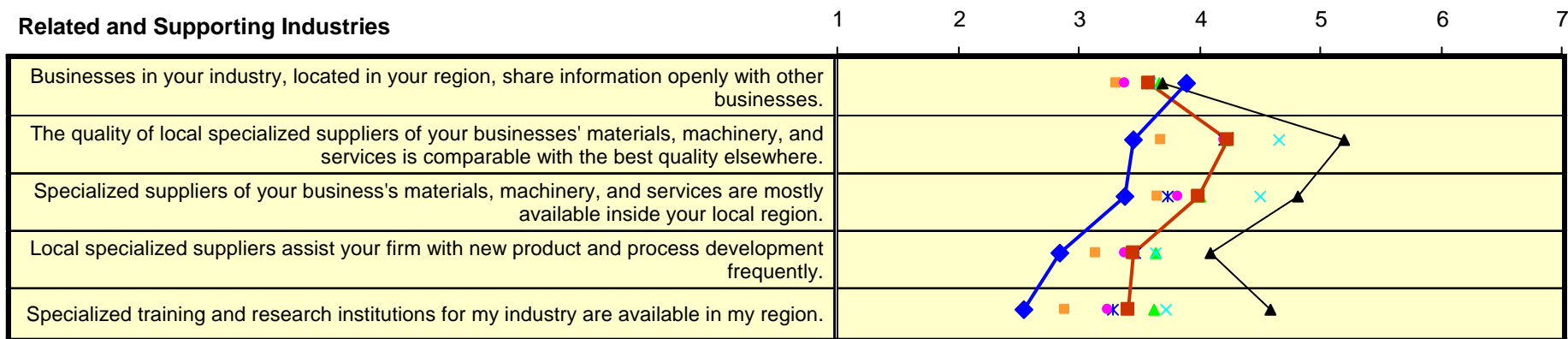
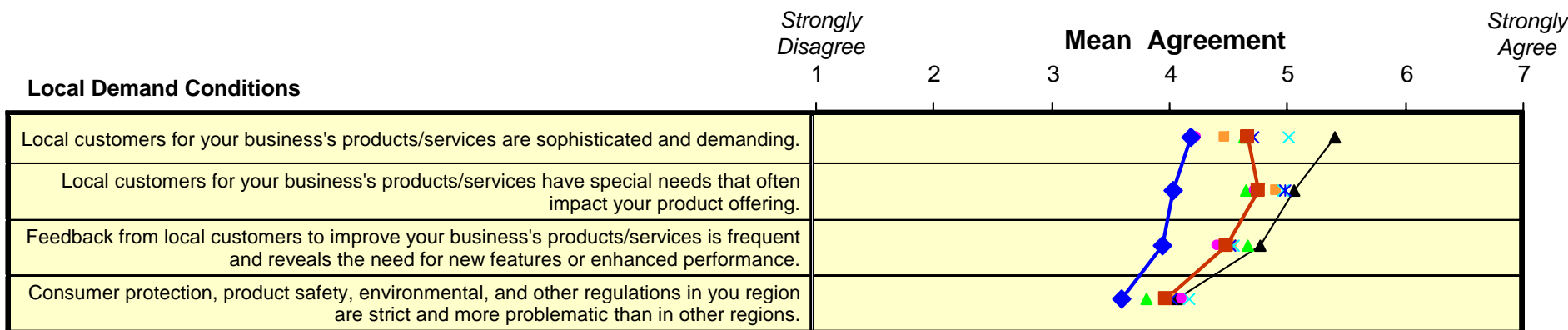






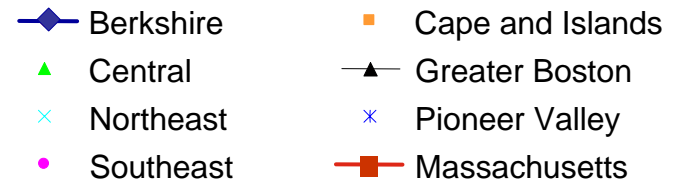
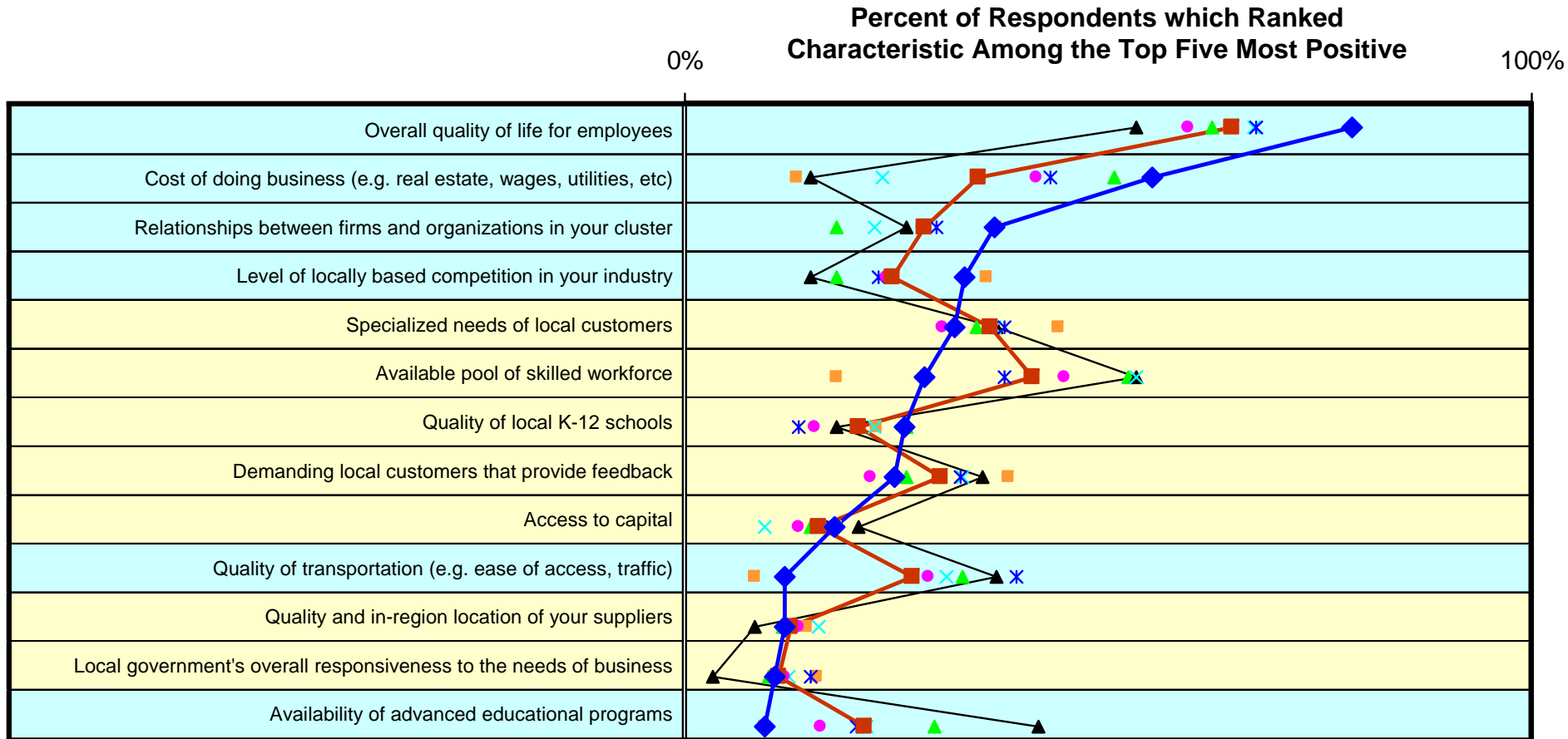
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## Local Demand Conditions & Related and Supporting Industries



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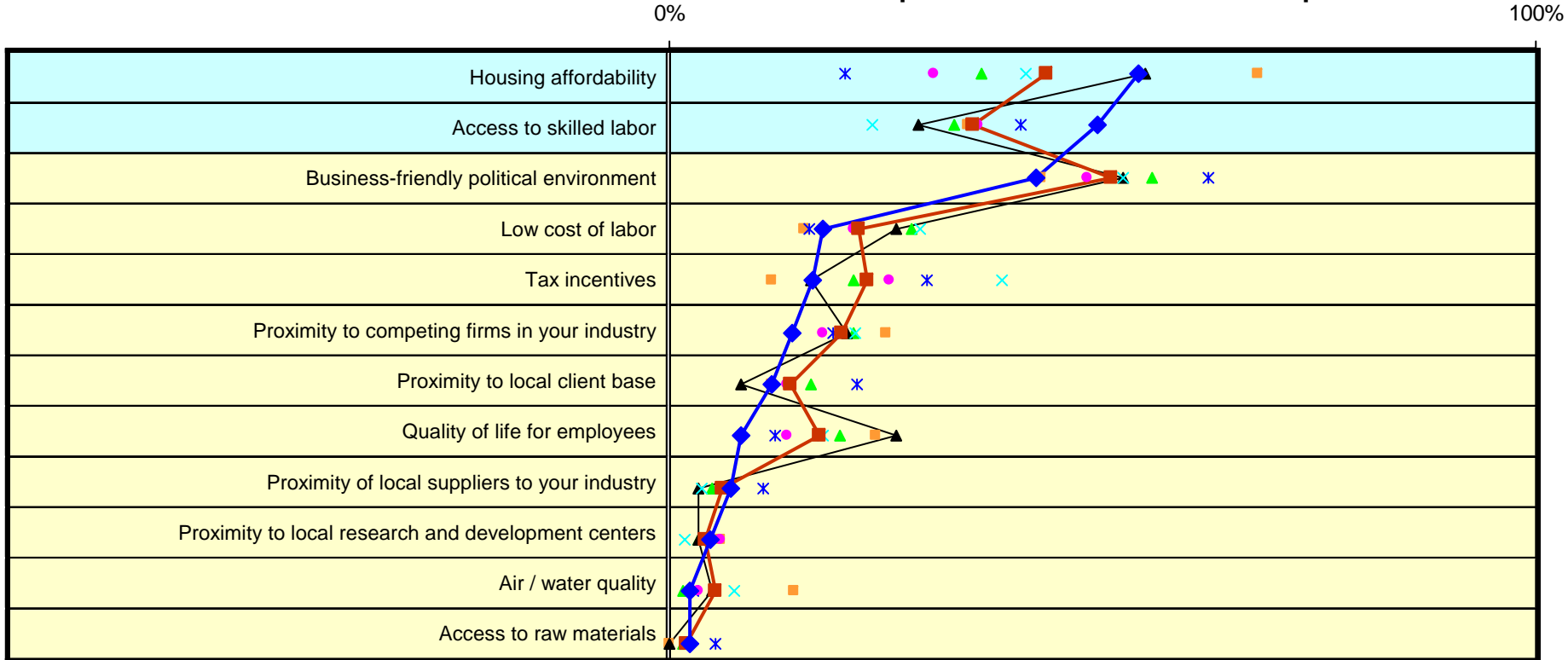
## Positive Impact on the Local Business Environment



# Regional Comparisons

## Barriers to Expansion in the Next Five Years

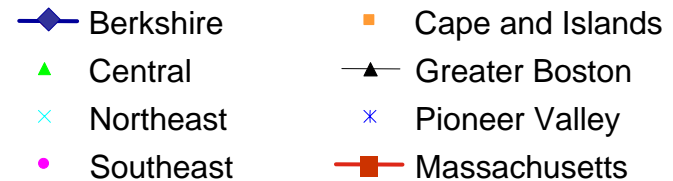
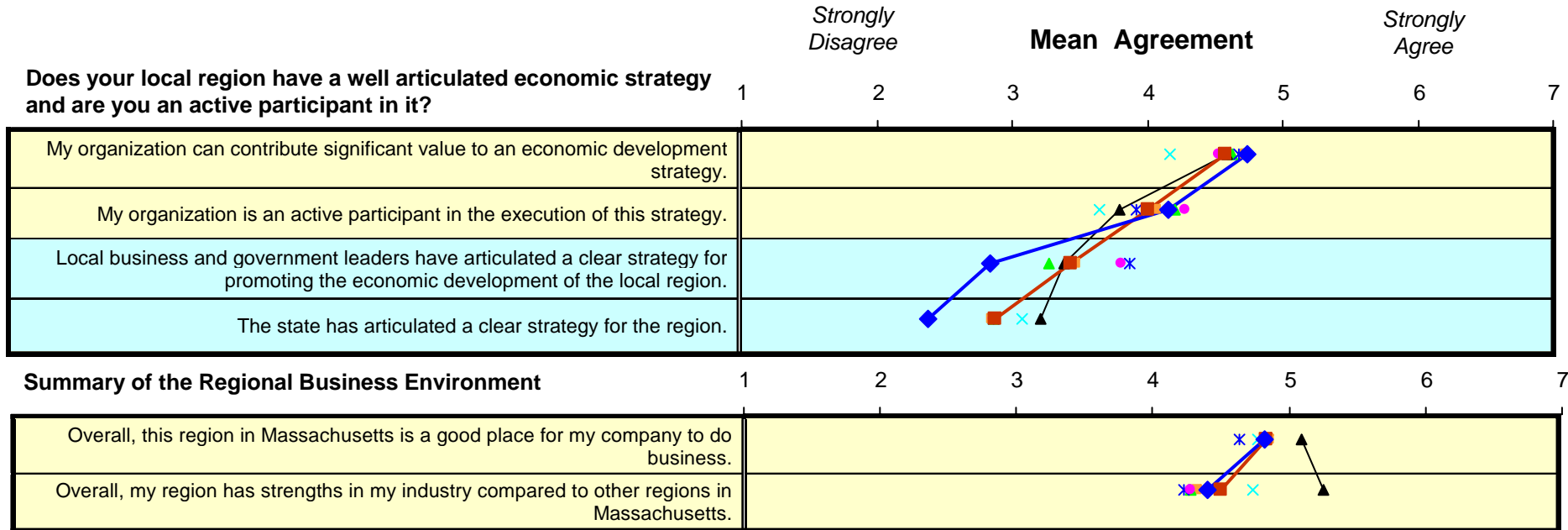
Percent of Respondents which Ranked Characteristic Among the Top Three Greatest Barriers to Expansion



- ◆ Berkshire
- ▲ Greater Boston
- ▲ Central
- × Northeast
- Southeast
- Cape and Islands
- ▲ Greater Boston
- × Pioneer Valley
- Massachusetts

# Regional Comparisons

## Regional Strategy & Summary of the Regional Business Environment



# Regional Competitiveness

## Berkshire Region

- Foundations of Regional Competitiveness
- Assessing the Competitiveness of the Berkshire region
- **Action Agenda**

# Shifting Responsibilities for Economic Development

## Old Model

- **Government** drives economic development through policy decisions and incentives



## New Model

- Economic development is a **collaborative process** involving government at multiple levels, companies, teaching and research institutions, and institutions for collaboration

# Role of the Private Sector in Economic Development

- A company's competitive advantage is partly the result of the **local environment**
- Company membership in a cluster offers **collective benefits**
- Private investment in **“public goods”** is justified



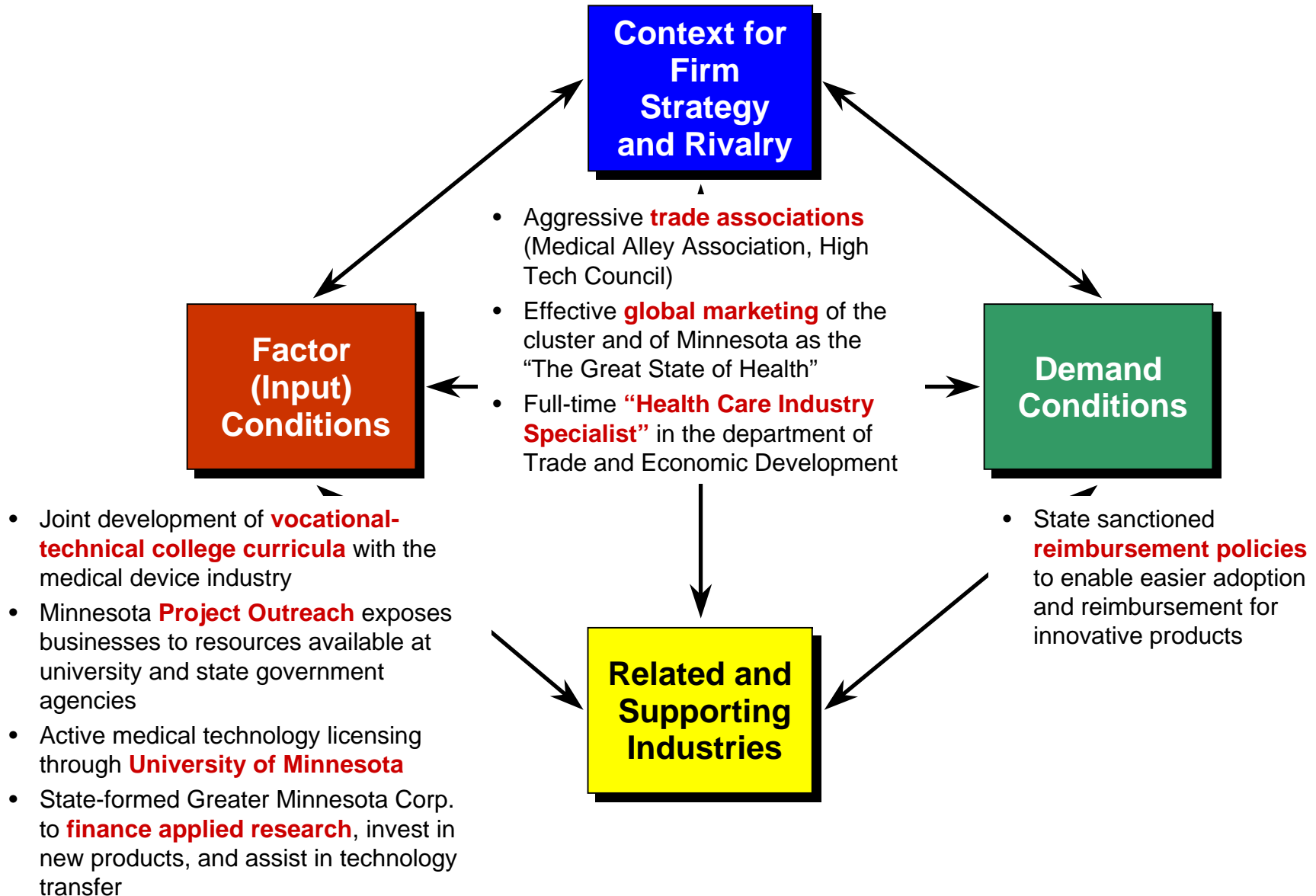
- Take an **active role** in upgrading the local infrastructure
- Nurture **local suppliers** and attract new supplier investments
- Work closely with local **educational and research institutions** to upgrade **quality and create specialized programs addressing cluster needs**
- Provide government with **information** and **substantive input** on regulatory issues and constraints bearing on cluster development
- Focus **corporate philanthropy** on enhancing the local business environment



- An important role for **trade associations**
  - Greater influence
  - Cost sharing

# Public / Private Cooperation in Cluster Upgrading

## Minnesota's Medical Device Cluster





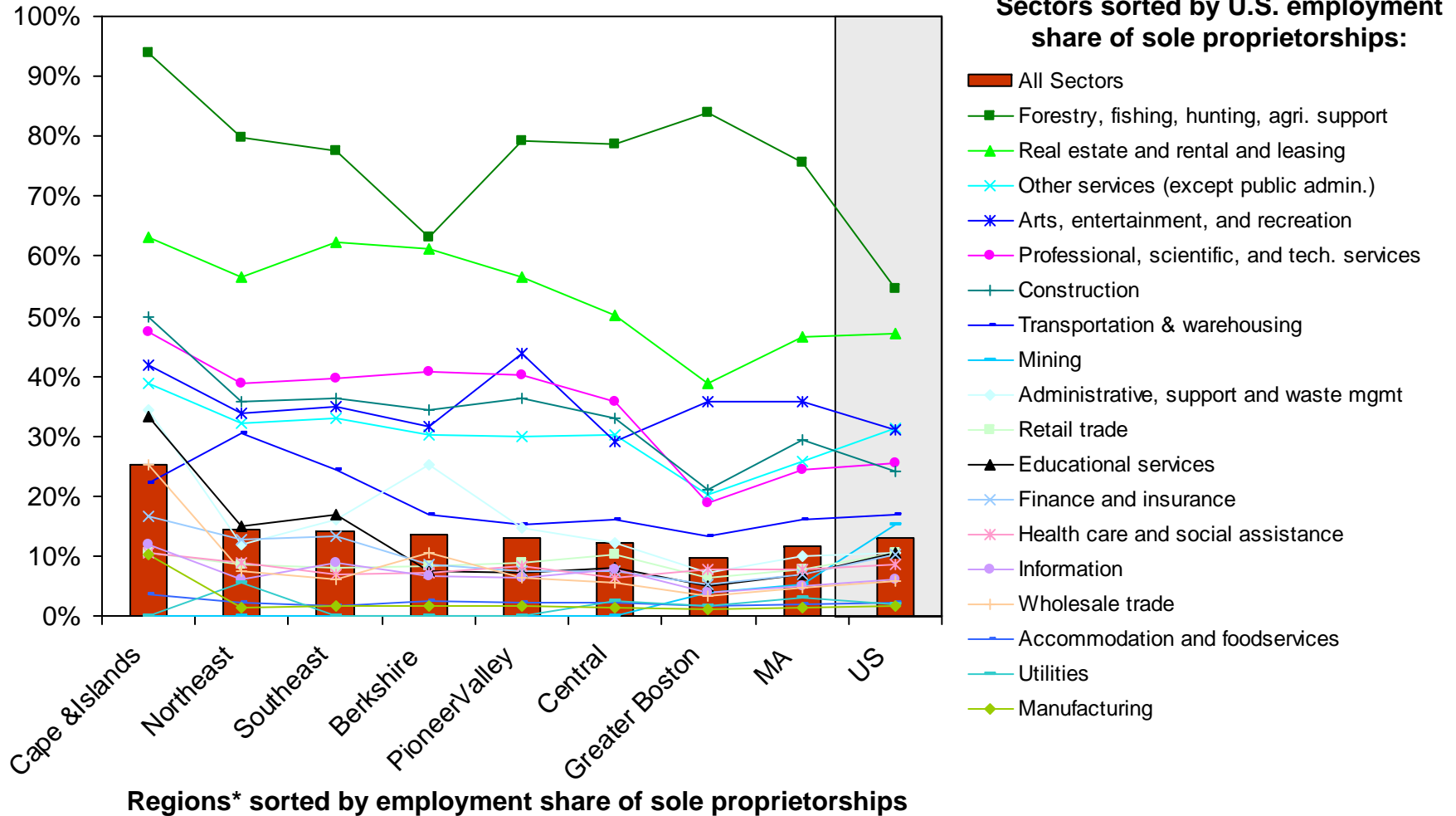
# Towards an Action Agenda for the Berkshire Region

- Mount **cluster development efforts** for strong and emerging traded clusters, especially those that are under pressure
  - Chemicals, Plastics
  - Forest products
  - Tourism and hospitality
  - Publishing and printing
- Prioritize actions to overcome weaknesses in the **business environment**
  - Workforce skills
  - Physical infrastructure
  - Cluster-specific research institutions
  - Housing
- Develop the **institutional structure** to leverage the existing willingness in the region to implement a competitiveness strategy

# Regional Sole Proprietorship Data

# Sole Proprietorships

Share of Employment in Sole Proprietorships, 2001



- Sole proprietorships are, as agriculture and government employees, not included in the dataset available for the cluster mapping project

\*Note: Data available on county basis only; the allocation to Massachusetts regions is only approximate

# Sole Proprietorship Employment and Growth

## NAICS Sectors, Employment 2001, CAGR 1998-2001

	Berkshire		Central		Pioneer Valley		MA		US	
All Sectors	9,045	0.5%	41,991	1.4%	37,648	0.5%	412,941	0.8%	16,979,498	2.6%
Forestry, fishing, hunting, agri. support	103	0.0	350	-0.3	453	0.2	5,427	-1.3	220,623	-0.7
Mining	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	96	5.0	87,699	2.5
Utilities	N/A	N/A	71	-15.8	0	N/A	424	-12.5	13,581	-2.5
Construction	1,348	1.8	6,397	1.0	5,016	1.8	54,157	0.5	2,067,266	2.7
Manufacturing	134	-7.3	806	-3.8	776	-3.1	5,992	-4.7	280,171	-1.9
Wholesale trade	151	1.1	927	-2.5	759	-4.3	8,034	-3.6	386,313	-1.1
Retail trade	804	-3.5	4,189	-0.5	3,429	-2.7	29,557	-2.0	1,738,854	-0.4
Transportation & warehousing	166	-2.5	1,238	2.2	1,074	4.3	13,849	2.0	764,708	4.9
Information	122	1.7	567	10.5	429	0.2	6,984	7.1	241,860	7.4
Finance and insurance	239	0.6	1,351	3.3	1,056	0.0	15,748	-1.1	714,897	0.3
Real estate and rental and leasing	838	3.2	3,583	4.0	3,242	3.3	40,769	3.6	1,791,570	4.6
Professional, scientific, and tech. services	1,389	-0.3	7,144	-0.7	6,034	-0.4	83,723	0.0	2,445,677	0.4
Administrative, support and waste mgmt	525	3.5	2,725	5.5	2,055	4.4	23,396	3.7	1,075,747	5.2
Educational services	290	10.7	1,145	10.1	1,306	3.2	12,275	6.8	305,448	7.8
Health care and social assistance	798	-3.5	3,651	-0.4	4,109	-2.1	38,263	0.0	1,381,729	5.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	728	5.3	1,796	2.2	2,515	3.1	25,204	2.6	804,626	4.1
Accommodation and foodservices	190	-2.5	500	0.9	495	0.0	4,714	2.1	225,970	4.4
Other services (except public admin.)	1,213	0.0	5,529	2.8	4,733	0.2	44,329	0.9	2,432,759	3.3

Note: Sole proprietorship employment is estimated from the number of establishments. Also includes some partnerships.

Source: US Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/epcd/nonemployer/>

# Sole Proprietorship Employment and Growth

## NAICS Sectors, Employment 2001, CAGR 1998-2001

	Cape & Islands		Northeast		Southeast		MA		US	
All Sectors	27,821	1.7%	47,485	1.0%	58,088	0.9%	412,941	0.8%	16,979,498	2.6%
Forestry, fishing, hunting, agri. support	1,242	0.7	891	-4.4	1,729	-0.4	5,427	-1.3	220,623	-0.7
Mining	0	N/A	N/A	0.8	0	0.7	96	5.0	87,699	2.5
Utilities	0	-100	59	-5.7	0	-4.3	424	-12.5	13,581	-2.5
Construction	6,062	6.0	6,374	-1.2	9,955	-2.8	54,157	0.5	2,067,266	2.7
Manufacturing	392	-2.4	771	-1.1	1,004	-1.7	5,992	-4.7	280,171	-1.9
Wholesale trade	556	-2.5	1,119	2.8	1,330	2.7	8,034	-3.6	386,313	-1.1
Retail trade	1,899	-1.8	3,692	7.5	5,177	8.5	29,557	-2.0	1,738,854	-0.4
Transportation & warehousing	624	5.1	1,466	-2.2	2,194	2.9	13,849	2.0	764,708	4.9
Information	296	6.7	695	3.0	752	4.6	6,984	7.1	241,860	7.4
Finance and insurance	689	-7.1	1,593	-0.3	1,924	-0.1	15,748	-1.1	714,897	0.3
Real estate and rental and leasing	2,979	2.6	4,351	3.3	5,416	4.2	40,769	3.6	1,791,570	4.6
Professional, scientific, and tech. services	3,957	0.5	9,537	7.6	9,105	6.9	83,723	0.0	2,445,677	0.4
Administrative, support and waste mgmt	1,990	6.0	2,695	2.9	3,440	-2.1	23,396	3.7	1,075,747	5.2
Educational services	547	7.4	1,233	2.4	1,281	2.2	12,275	6.8	305,448	7.8
Health care and social assistance	1,687	1.0	4,292	4.1	4,190	4.2	38,263	0.0	1,381,729	5.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1,740	4.4	2,619	1.9	2,612	1.2	25,204	2.6	804,626	4.1
Accommodation and foodservices	493	-6.5	524	1.0	607	0.9	4,714	2.1	225,970	4.4
Other services (except public admin.)	2,619	-55.0	5,564	-4.4	7,285	-0.4	44,329	0.9	2,432,759	3.3

Note: Sole proprietorship employment is estimated from the number of establishments. Also includes some partnerships.

Source: US Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/epcd/nonemployer/>

# Sole Proprietorship Share of Total Employment

## NAICS Sectors, 2001

	Berkshire	Cape & Islands	Central	Greater Boston	Northeast	Pioneer Valley	Southeast	MA	US
All Sectors	13.6%	25.3%	12.3%	9.6%	14.3%	13.0%	14.2%	11.7%	12.9%
Forestry, fishing, hunting, agri. support	63.2	93.9	78.7	83.9	79.8	79.1	77.5	75.6	54.6
Mining	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.9	N/A	0.0	0.0	5.2	15.3
Utilities	0.0	0.0	2.5	1.6	5.6	0.0	0.0	3.0	2.0
Construction	34.4	50.0	33.1	21.1	35.7	36.2	36.2	29.4	24.2
Manufacturing	1.7	10.3	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.7
Wholesale trade	10.5	25.2	5.6	3.2	7.4	6.4	6.0	4.7	5.9
Retail trade	8.4	10.4	10.3	6.3	8.7	8.8	7.9	7.7	10.5
Transportation & warehousing	16.9	22.2	16.1	13.2	30.4	15.2	24.4	16.1	16.9
Information	6.7	11.8	7.7	4.0	6.2	6.5	9.0	5.1	6.1
Finance and insurance	8.7	16.7	7.4	5.4	12.7	7.4	13.4	6.8	10.3
Real estate and rental and leasing	61.2	63.2	50.2	38.8	56.5	56.4	62.3	46.4	47.1
Professional, scientific, and tech. services	40.7	47.5	35.8	18.9	38.9	40.3	39.7	24.5	25.5
Administrative, support and waste mgmt	25.3	34.3	12.3	7.1	12.0	14.7	16.1	9.9	10.6
Educational services	7.6	33.3	7.9	5.1	14.9	7.3	17.0	6.8	10.5
Health care and social assistance	7.3	10.5	6.5	7.7	9.0	8.4	7.0	7.8	8.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	31.6	41.7	29.2	35.7	33.9	43.8	35.0	35.7	31.1
Accommodation and foodservices	2.6	3.6	2.3	1.6	2.2	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.2
Other services (except public admin.)	30.2	38.8	30.3	20.1	32.1	30.0	32.9	25.9	31.2

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