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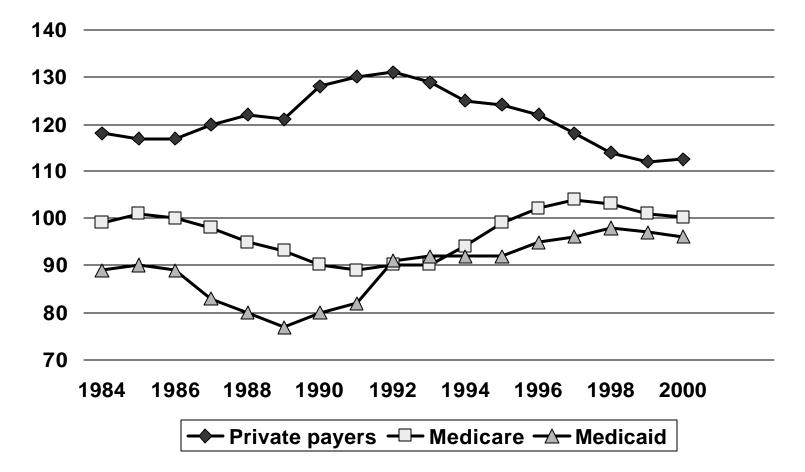
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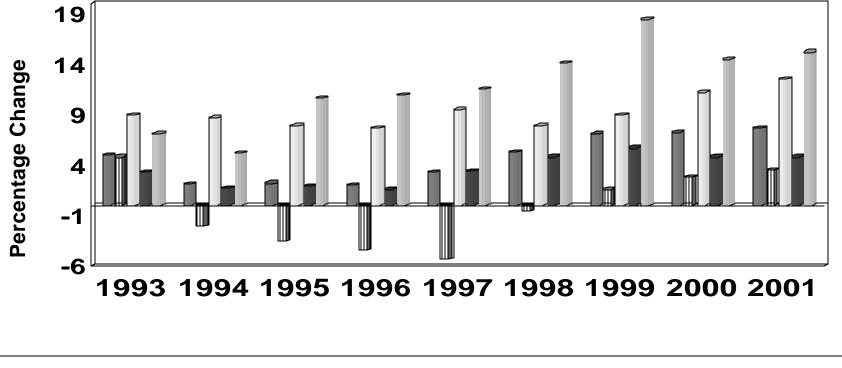
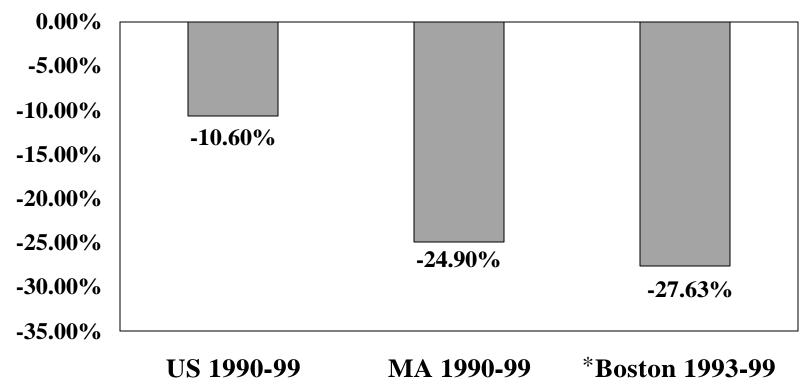




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In MA and Boston, Hospital Bed Capacity Reduction Deeper Than National Average

Percent Change Between 1990 - 1999



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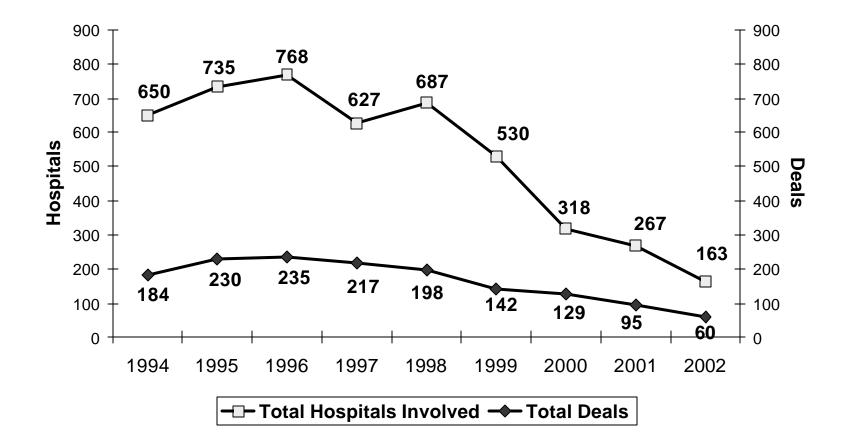
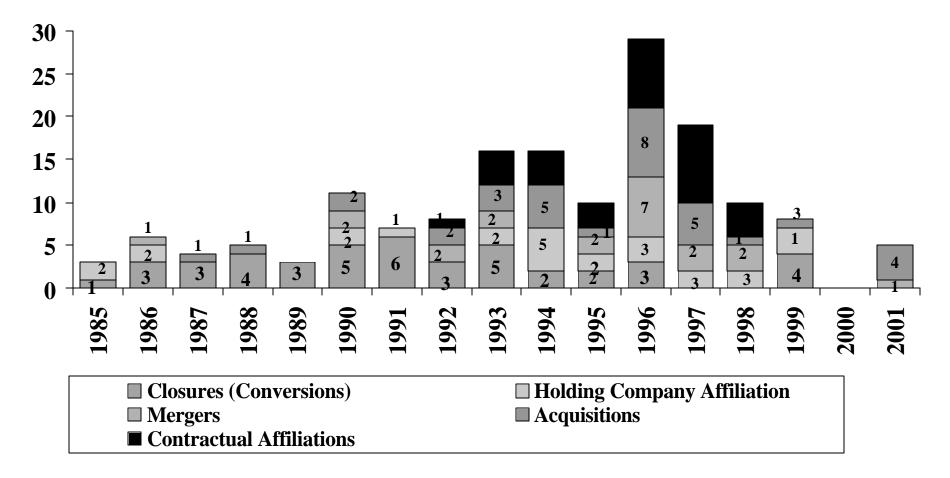


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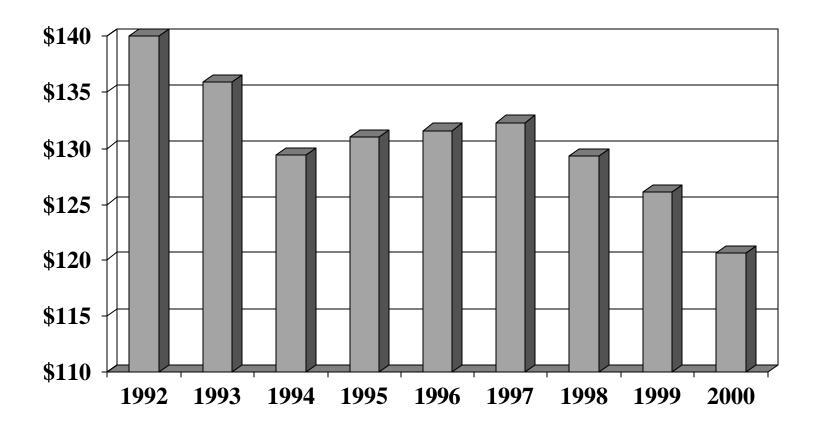
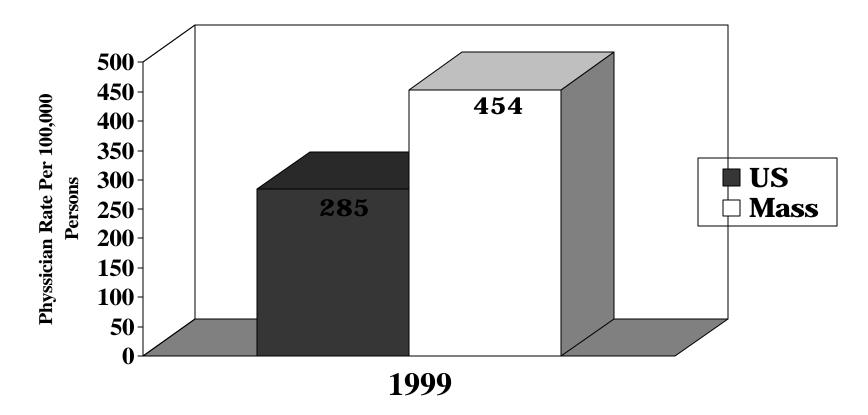


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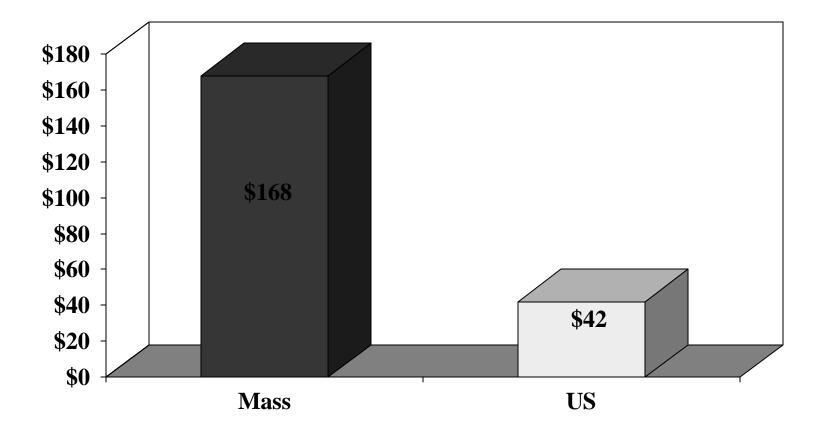
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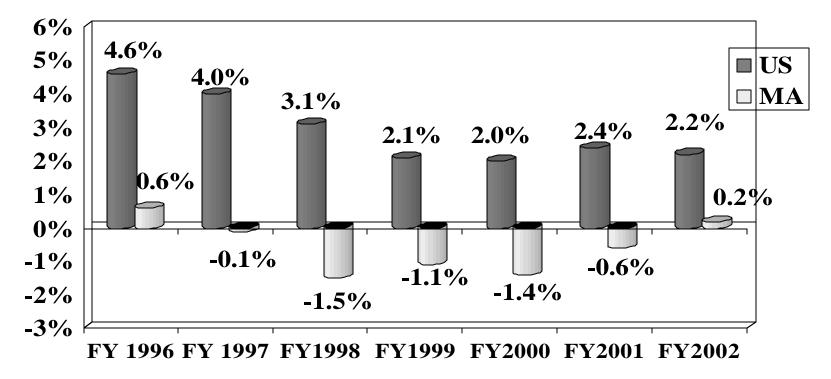
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Massachusetts Hospital Operating Margins - Although Improving -Consistently Below US Average

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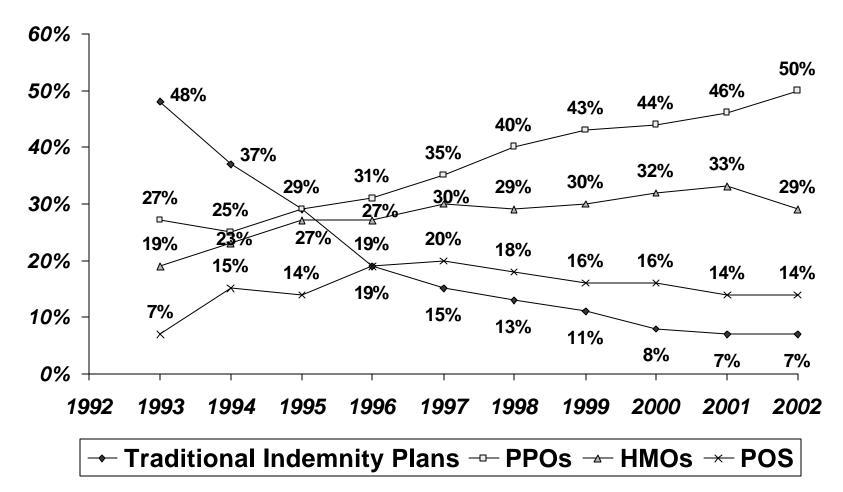
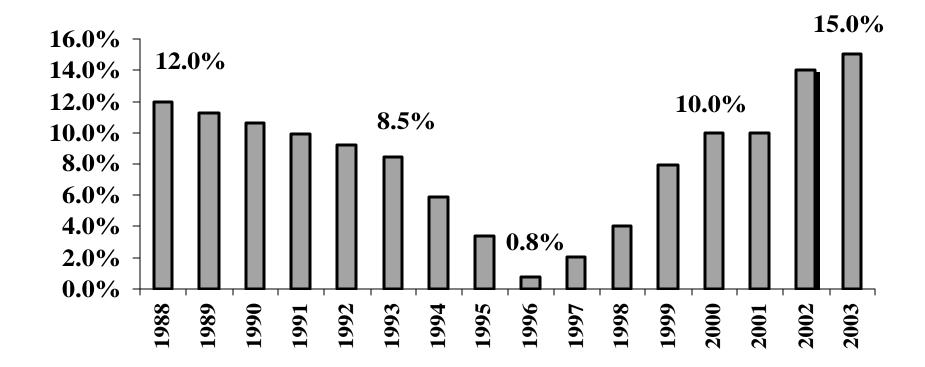


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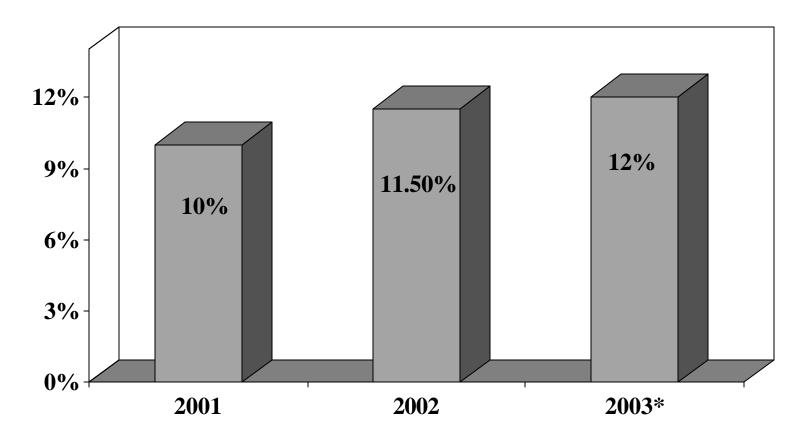
National Health Insurance Premiums Are On The Rise



Source: 1988-1997 ???, 1998-2003:Source: Hewitt Associates at: Modern Health Care, "Outlook '03" Jan. 6, 2003

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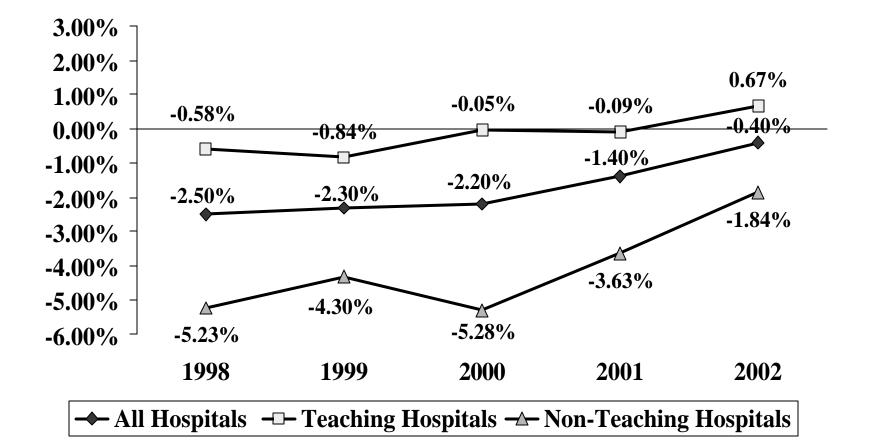
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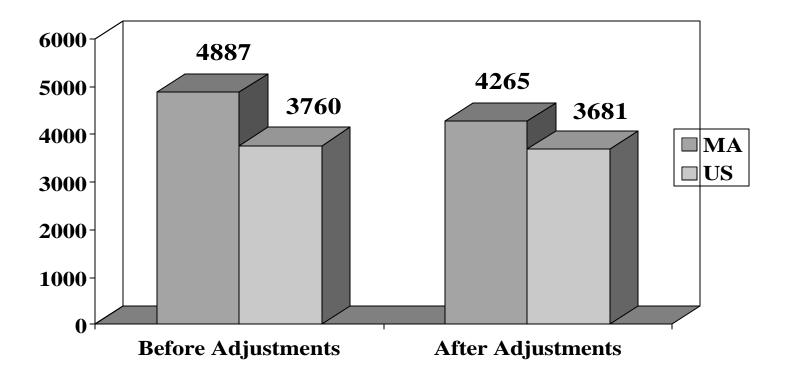
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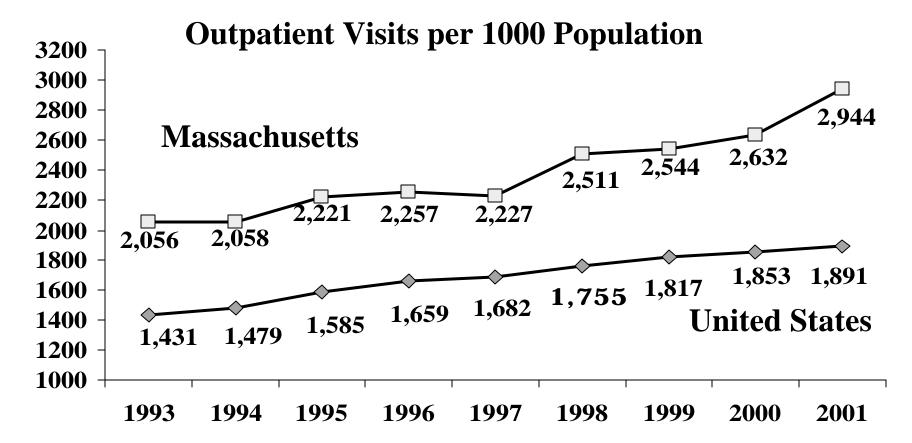
Health Care Expenditure Per Capita In MA And The US (1998)



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MA Outpatient Hospital Utilization Consistently Higher Than The National Average



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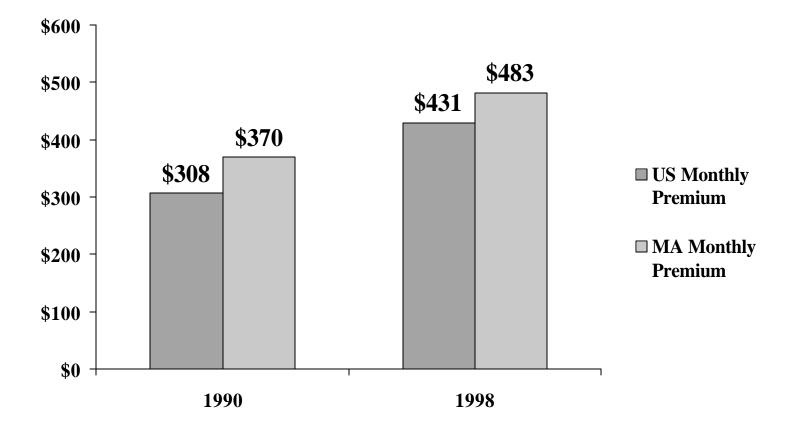
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	Massachusetts	United States
Medicaid	75.0	96.7
Medicare	99.0	101.1
Private Payer	96.4	112.3

Sources: Medpac, Report to Congress: Medicare Payment Policy, March 2001. MA Medicare Figure: MA Health Care Task Force Final Report, 2002.

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HMO Monthly Premium: US and Massachusetts

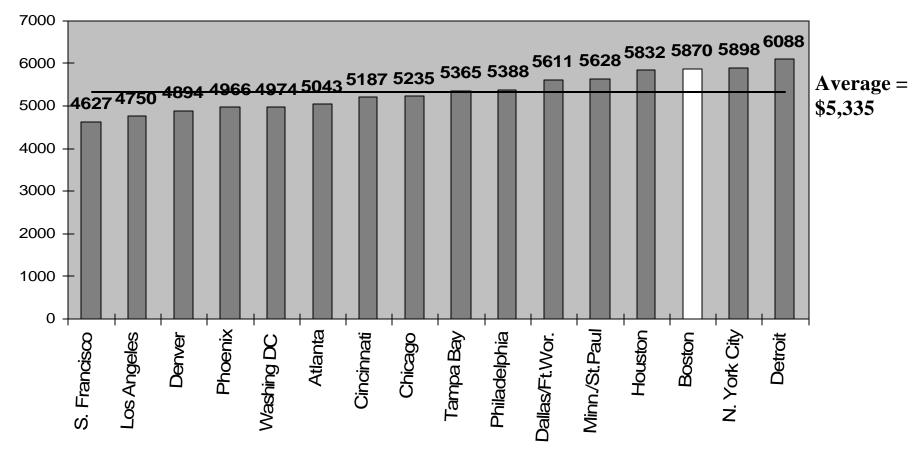


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Chart 17:

In 2002, Health Insurance Costs Per Employee In Boston 10% Above Average Metropolitan Cities*

Before Cost Of Living Adjustment



Source: Hewitt Health Value Initiative at: http://was.hewitt.com/hewitt/resource/newsroom/pressrel/ 2002/10-14-02.pdf * Average Based on 16 cities reporting in survey