

# Q. What has Deval Patrick been doing?

# A. Creating

jobs and stimulating  
economic development

*for the people of Massachusetts!*

Early economic indicators show Massachusetts is poised to come out of this downturn **stronger and faster** than the rest of the United States. That is no accident. Our work with the people and businesses of Massachusetts to stabilize our economy today while maintaining investments in the innovation industries of **the future** is one of the big reasons.



“People need good jobs at good wages. Jobs they can depend on.”

Governor Deval Patrick

**Change is Happening.** We have had two of the most productive legislative terms in Massachusetts history. Here are a number of job and economic development initiatives of which we are most proud:

#### **Creating the Jobs of Tomorrow:**

From day one, the Patrick-Murray administration has worked hard to make Massachusetts a global leader in clean technology. A series of reforms have promoted clean energy, cut greenhouse gases and begun creating the green jobs of the 21st century. Over the past four years, installations of solar cells have increased 15-fold, and wind power tenfold, statewide. This has also driven a quadrupling in the number of solar installer firms, and doubled employment in solar manufacturing and installation. Energy efficiency programs will invest \$2 billion over three years and provide \$6.5 billion in savings for consumers.

#### **Utilizing state and federal stimulus funds to create jobs statewide:**

The Governor's strategic investments have created and maintained 4,722 full-time equivalent positions, including teachers, police officers, firefighters, unemployment service administrators, and 1,334 private-sector jobs. The Patrick-Murray administration's use of federal funds preserved and created jobs, and made much-needed improvements to our roads and bridges.

#### **Making landmark life sciences and biotech investments:**

The Patrick-Murray administration passed an unprecedented 10-year, \$1 billion investment bill in the life sciences in 2008, and committed more than \$8 million to the establishment of the Massachusetts Stem Cell Bank and the International Stem Cell Registry to jump-start research and development in Massachusetts.

#### **Created growth districts to spur economic growth:**

18 communities across the Commonwealth have been designated and awarded \$40.5 million in grants to help with infrastructure investments that will create jobs and spur economic growth.

#### **Implementing the MORE jobs grant program:**

The Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion Program (MORE) invested \$55.6 million in 25 public infrastructure projects that spur economic development and put people back to work.

**Building affordable housing:** In 2008, Governor Patrick signed the largest affordable housing investment in state history. The investment will create jobs and affordable housing for citizens across the Commonwealth.

#### **Increased funding for the summer jobs program:**

The Patrick-Murray administration worked with the Obama administration, the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, and the state legislature to increase funding for the summer jobs program by 280%. This past summer alone, the program provided 11,000 opportunities for youths across the Commonwealth.

#### **Managing auto insurance reform:**

Managed competition has attracted 11 new companies, including some of the nation's leading insurers. The reforms are projected to save the average consumer hundreds of dollars per year.

**Increasing Broadband access:** Governor Patrick signed into law “An Act Establishing Funding for the Massachusetts Broadband Institute.” The law will bridge the digital divide that persists in certain parts of Massachusetts, primarily the Western part of the state.

#### **Setting identity theft prevention laws:**

Governor Patrick signed into law the nation's toughest identity theft legislation, requiring businesses and government to notify consumers when their data is lost or stolen.

#### **Funding state worker job training:**

Over \$56 million in worker training investments helped employers in high-growth and high-demand industries upgrade the skills and wages of over 70,000 workers.

#### **Federal Stimulus funds in workforce training:**

Invested over \$250 million in federal stimulus money into workforce development programs. These programs help the unemployed reenter the workforce and prepare people all over the Commonwealth for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

A more detailed list of accomplishments of the Patrick-Murray Administration and some great results can be found at [www.devalpatrick.com/accomplishments](http://www.devalpatrick.com/accomplishments).

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