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## Are you better off?

### Cape Cod numbers tell the tale of last four years

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Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

The election season has saturated voters with that question as it relates to the nation's economy and personal finances.

Depending on the political party or candidate, the answer often varies. And individual families may not fit neatly into the overall statistics. But the Times looked at some core economic segments to see what picture emerges for the Cape and Islands.

#### EMPLOYMENT

The 3.9 percent jobless rate in August 2008 was a full percentage point better than this August for the Cape and Islands, which represents people currently looking for work. There were 5,600 more people employed in 2008.

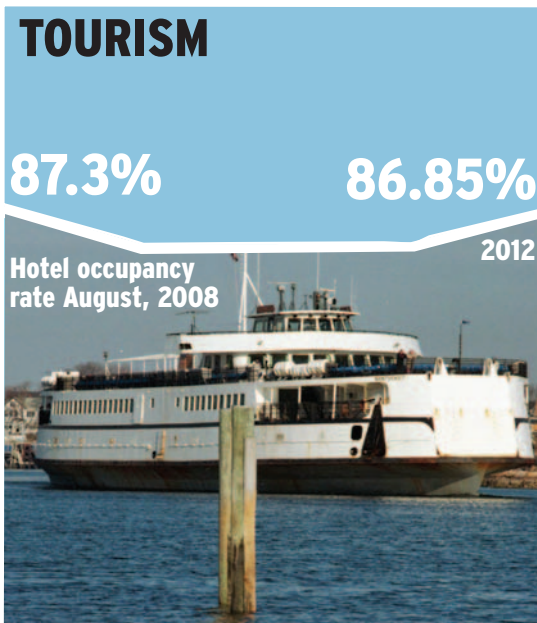
But the August 2008 rate quickly soured as much of the economy went into free fall. August's rate hit a high of 6.1 percent in 2010. This year, it was 4.9 percent.

"We're sort of where we were back then in general terms, but I think there have been some profound changes also," said David Augustinho, executive director of the Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board. "There is a lot more part-time work. There is extreme downward pressure when it comes to jobs. People are working for jobs in which they are more overqualified now."

But Augustinho sees signs of hope.

Barnstable County had a 5.2 percent jobless rate this August, the 21st consecutive month the county's rate fell in a year-over-year comparison, according to state labor data. "Clearly, things are better," he said, adding that companies seem to be more willing to hire now than in the past few years. "It's starting to affect the psychology of it all."

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**POLL POSITIONS:**  
A follow-up to the Times' 2008 survey finds Cape Codders expressing more concern about their personal finances - and the nation's economy - than four years ago.  
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## Two undecided voters weighing pros and cons

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Polly Papsadore tries to avoid watching a lot of TV but even she can't escape the barrage of campaign advertisements hitting the airwaves.

"The ads are incessant," Papsadore, 48, of Sandwich said, recalling an hourlong trip to the salon during which she reported seeing dozens of political ads. "It's like, 'Oh, give me a break!'"

A town away in Buzzards Bay, Marie Doyle, 71, has also noticed the relentless TV and radio ads in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 6 election.

But despite the plethora of ads alternately touting and disparaging Republican U.S. Sen. Scott Brown and his Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren, Papsadore and Doyle remain undecided.

With just two weeks standing between them and the ballot box, the two voters - both registered as unenrolled - are still weighing the pros and cons of each candidate



MARIE DOYLE



POLLY PAPSADORE

Today the Times continues a series of stories checking in with unenrolled voters in the three weeks leading up to the Nov. 6 presidential election. To read more Times coverage of the candidates and issues: [capecodonline.com/elections](http://capecodonline.com/elections)

vying for the U.S. Senate seat held by Sen. Edward Kennedy for nearly 47 years.

Although she said her vote for the Senate is still undecided, Doyle said she is leaning toward Brown.

"He seems to be doing a good job, and she's (Warren) an unknown quantity," said Doyle, who told the Times she typically votes for Democrats, but voted for Brown in 2010.

Doyle sees Brown as a Republican not beholden to his party and willing to cross the aisle at a time of bitter partisanship in Congress.

"I like the fact that he's kind of an independent," Doyle said. "I like the fact that he tries to bring the parties together."

But Doyle also noted that Warren's work in creating the Consumer Protection Bureau and knowledge of the issues weighed in her favor.

"I don't dislike her; I think she's a very capable woman," Doyle said of Warren. "(But) he's got the advantage of having more experience than her."

A couple of weeks ago, Papsadore's vote remained up in the air, she said. But

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## MBL leader will step down

After six years as president and director, Gary Borisy says it's time for a change.

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GARY BORISY

"These years serving in Woods Hole have been some of the happiest and most gratifying in my life," he said of his time with the Marine Biological Laboratory.

**WOODS HOLE** - The president and director of the Marine Biological Laboratory will retire in December after serving more than six years at the helm.

Citing his recent 70th birthday and the wrapping up of a capital campaign, Gary Borisy said Saturday it was "time to think about change."

He said this decision has been "incubating for some time," but he will have nothing but fond memories of his time at the lab.

"These years serving in Woods Hole have been some of the happiest and most gratifying in my life," he said of working at the international biological research, education and training center. MBL employs a year-round staff of more than 275 scientists and

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## Bridge jumper shares message of survival

'I made a mistake' by leaping off Golden Gate Bridge.

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The minute he let go of the hand railing, Kevin Hines realized his decision was wrong.

But there's no going back, no changing your mind. Not when you've just hurled yourself off the Golden Gate Bridge.

"It was the worst day of my life," Hines said of Sept.



KEVIN HINES

25, 2000, when he plummeted some 245 feet before hitting the frigid waters of San Francisco Bay. "I knew I made a mistake."

Depressed, tortured and feeling utterly lost, Hines

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## WEATHER



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# Caped crusaders



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Laurie Grandmont, above, of Buzzards Bay takes time to stretch before Saturday's American Red Cross Disaster 5k Run/Walk in Hyannis. Grandmont dressed as Michelangelo from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. About 100 people participated in the second annual event. A handful of participants dressed as their favorite superhero or celebrity, right.

## Economy: Everyday costs are edging upward over the past four years

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### TOURISM

When the economy tanks, families often put the brakes on traveling. The Cape was partially buffered by that, said Wendy Northcross, chief executive officer of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. "We weren't as deeply hit as other destinations because we are so close to so many people," Northcross said, pointing to the large number of New England and Massachusetts visitors in the last few years.

The Cape's room occupancy rate in August 2008 was 87.3 percent, according to chamber survey results. That dropped to closer to 80 percent during the ensuing three years. This August, it bounced back to 86.9 percent.

During those years in between, hotels dropped rates

to draw people, Northcross said. The average nightly rate was \$173.31 in August 2008, \$167.27 for August 2010 and up to \$183.34 this August.

"The industry was able to recover some of the discounts they made during the recession," she said.

### REAL ESTATE

In September 2008, a single-family home up for sale stayed on the market for an average of 152 days. Last month, that average was nearly the same at 158 days, according to the Cape Cod and Islands Multiple Listings Service.

In between, the average house often hovered between 200 and 220 days on the market before being sold.

The bottom years were 2009 and 2010, said Henry DiGiacomo, chief executive officer of the Cape Cod & Islands Association of Realtors and Cape Cod & Islands Multiple Listing Service.

"The big money properties have been selling, too. It's been a broad spectrum. You could feel there is a certain traction gaining."

**DEBORAH SCHILLING**  
Realtor with RE/MAX Classic

"Those interested in buying took a very conservative position and were kind of sitting on the fence," he said.

But low interest rates, higher rental prices and sellers more willing to sell at lower prices have spurred more sales, he said.

The median sales price for single-family homes last month was \$326,250, compared with \$365,000 in September 2008.

Deborah Schilling, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic in Marston's Mills, said homes under

\$200,000 have been "scooped up" this year.

"The big money properties have been selling, too," Schilling said. "It's been a broad spectrum. You could feel there is a certain traction gaining."

There were 45 foreclosures in September 2008, according to the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds. Foreclosures peaked in September 2010 at 62 and fell to 26 last month.

But that drop may be an anomaly, according to Barnstable County Register of Deeds John Meade, and may just be temporary because of recent foreclosure-prevention regula-

tions.

Rick Presbrey, chief executive officer and president of Housing Assistance Corp. in Hyannis, said his agency's staff has seen an increasing number of homeowners being able to work out arrangements to prevent losing their homes in recent months.

**LIVING EXPENSES**

The costs for the basics has increased in many aspects of every day life.

Food prices, according to the Times' monthly survey, have hovered at the same level or increased for the same prod-

ucts. Some products are now packaged in smaller containers. For example, a 64-ounce container of orange juice ranged in price between \$2.99 and \$3.99 in early October 2008. This month, a 59-ounce jug of the same brand cost between \$2.50 and \$4.99 in area stores.

Filling up the car's gas tank cost \$3.34 per gallon on Oct. 10, 2008, according to the Times' weekly survey of median prices. Fast forward to last week, and it was \$3.91.

The median price for home heating oil was nearly \$4 per gallon early this month. That's about 65 cents more per gallon than four years ago.

"If you have oil heat these days, it makes things more difficult (to cope financially)," Presbrey said.

"Both gas prices and heating oil prices make things very difficult."

## Retire: MBL prepares for transition at top

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support staff.

Borisy's departure was announced in an internal email to MBL personnel, sent by trustee chairman John Rowe on Friday and obtained by the Times on Saturday.

"I would like to take this moment to recognize Gary for his years of service to the MBL, as well as his distinguished career as a biologist," Rowe said in the email. He "will be missed by scientists and staff alike."

Rowe did not return a message for comment left by a Times reporter Saturday night.

The memo sent by Rowe

referred to "challenging economic times" for research facilities such as MBL.

"We are engaged in a rapid strategic planning process to ensure that the MBL can continue its leadership in biological research and education for many years to come," Rowe said in the email, mentioning also that the trustees will explore the issues more at a meeting in November.

Rowe also said there will be a meeting "for all staff and scientists in early November to provide more information about the transition and our strategic planning process."

As an indication of its financial woes, MBL has recently been considering the sale of

Stoney Beach, one of its properties in Woods Hole.

"It's prudent to look at all aspects of our resources," Borisy said regarding the lab's financial situation.

"It's no secret these are challenging times for places like MBL."

Borisy said the outlook for federal funding – upon which MBL heavily relies – is "unclear."

The trustees will name an interim director while they search for a permanent director, according to the email. Borisy – former associate vice president for research and the Leslie B. Arey professor of cell and molecular biology at Northwestern University's

Feinberg School of Medicine – will assist with the transition.

"We'll be launching an aggressive search to identify a permanent director who understands the commitment to biological discovery that is at the heart of the MBL," communications director Andrea Early said in a statement to the Times.

Ever the scientist, Borisy said while he plans on retiring, he won't stop researching.

"I like to be active," he said. "I have a grant pending, and I will continue to be engaged in research."

He added that he and his wife will ponder the immediate future over the coming months.

## Coast Guard rescues 7 off Nantucket

By **JASON COOK**  
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Seven fishermen sinking in their boat south of Nantucket were rescued by Coast Guard crews early Saturday morning.

The crew of the 84-foot fishing boat Luzitano put in a distress call just after 4 a.m., according to a statement from the Coast Guard. The vessel was taking on water in its engine room about 40 miles south of Nantucket.

A Coast Guard helicopter and jet delivered two additional pumps to the crew just before 6:30 a.m., which helped them stay ahead of

the water they were taking on, according to the statement. With these two pumps and the plugging of a 4-inch hole in the engine room, the crew of the Luzitano headed back to Woods Hole on Saturday evening, said Coast Guard spokesman Adam Stanton.

He said the plan is for the Coast Guard to escort the vessel to its homeport in New Bedford once the boat makes it to Woods Hole.

Traveling at just 8 knots (less than 12 miles per hour), Stanton said at about 7 p.m. that the Luzitano won't make port for some time.

## COURT REPORT

### Orleans DISTRICT COURT

In court Oct. 12:

**DISPOSITIONS**

**REILLY, Stephen**, 47, 226 Old Bass River Road, Dennis; admitted sufficient facts to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (OUI), June 23 in Dennis, continued without a finding for one year, 45-day license loss, \$1,597.22 costs and \$50 fee; negligent driving dismissed; responsible for another traffic violation, filed; not responsible for two other traffic violations; another traffic violation, dismissed.

**SOARES, Matthew**, 35, 428 Route 28, Dennis; assault and battery, Aug. 31 in Dennis, dismissed.

**TUCCIO, Tyler**, 27, Watertown; guilty of OUI-second offense, May 27 in Provincetown, 90 days (suspended) Barnstable County Correctional Facility, two-year license loss, 14-day inpatient treatment program, two years probation, \$1,560 costs and

\$350 fees; negligent driving, dismissed.

**ARRAIGNMENTS**

(The following pleaded not guilty.)

**CARDINAL, Henri**, 69, 172 Heritage Lane, Chatham; OUI, possession of marijuana and two other traffic violations, Oct. 12 in Orleans. Pretrial hearing Nov. 16.

In court Oct. 15:

**DISPOSITIONS**

**FLYNN, Thomas**, 18, 118 Wayside Drive, Harwich; admitted sufficient facts to breaking and entering at night to commit a felony and attempting to commit a crime, Aug. 24 in Harwich, continued without a finding for one year, \$600 costs and restitution.

**FROUGHTON, Joshua**, 20, 13 Parkwood Court, Yarmouth; assault and battery, Sept. 18 in Harwich, dismissed.

**HURST, John K.**, 23, 26 Spruce Run Drive, Brewster; possession of heroin with intent to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug laws, June 6 in Brewster, not prosecuted; defendant indicted and

arraigned in Superior Court.

**ARRAIGNMENTS**

(The following pleaded not guilty.)

**BRALEY, Jennifer**, 47, 18 Williamsburg Ave., Harwich; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (OUI), negligent driving and two other traffic violations, Oct. 13 in Eastham. Pretrial hearing Oct. 24.

**BURT, Ian**, 42, 50 Stoney Hill Road, Chatham; assault with intent to rape and assault and battery, Oct. 15 in Chatham. Pretrial hearing Oct. 25.

**FLYNN, Michael**, 63, 150 South Eastham St., Eastham; OUI and another traffic violation, Oct. 13 in Wellfleet. Pretrial hearing Oct. 26.

**LESSARD-PEARSON, Lesa**, 53, Jamaica Plain; OUI, negligent driving and another traffic violation, Oct. 14 in Provincetown. Pretrial hearing Oct. 25.

**MALO, Jamie L.**, 38, 410 Lower County Road, Dennis; assault and battery, Oct. 13 in Dennis. Pretrial hearing Oct. 19.

**MULDOON, Daniel**, 34, 41 Capt. Baker Road, Brewster; OUI for the second time, negligent driving and

three other traffic violations, Oct. 14 in Brewster. Pretrial hearing Oct. 17.

In court Oct. 16:

**DISPOSITIONS**

**CAMINO, Danny**, 40, 60 Race Point Road, Provincetown; guilty of indecent exposure and two counts of assault and battery, March 17 in Provincetown, three-year probation; admitted sufficient facts to two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and violating a harassment protection order, same date, continued without a finding for three years; attempted murder, dismissed; open and gross lewdness, not prosecuted.

**ARRAIGNMENTS**

(The following pleaded not guilty.)

**AL-HACHEM, Georges**, 48, 10 Sam Ryder Road, Chatham; two counts of indecent assault and battery of a person 14 years and older and indecent exposure, Sept. 18 in Chatham. Pretrial hearing Nov. 30.

**OSTRE, Martha**, 64, Chatham; assault and battery, Oct. 11 in Chatham. Pretrial hearing Nov. 15.

## THE LOG

### Minor fuel oil spill mopped up in Harwich

**HARWICH** – Fire and highway department personnel helped clean up a minor fuel oil spill Saturday morning near a bog on Birch Drive.

Harwich Fire Department Capt. Donald Parker said a spill of less than 10 gallons left a sheen on one-third of a mile of the road.

Parker believed it was home heating oil that spilled, possi-

bly from a fuel truck.

It was discovered at around 9 a.m.

The town highway department sanded the road and firefighters blocked off areas to keep runoff from going into storm drains or the bog. Parker said there was no environmental damage, and the highway department will clean up the sand today.

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