

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN MASSACHUSETTS (2008–2010)

Despite the increasing levels of educational attainment across occupations in Pioneer Valley, the region still tends to have lower levels of educational attainment compared with Massachusetts. Of the 19 major occupation groups in Massachusetts, 17 had greater shares of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher compared with those in Pioneer Valley in 2008–2010. These included occupations that had a majority of employees with high levels of education (e.g., Management and Business & Financial Operations), mixed educational attainment (e.g., Office & Administrative Support), and predominantly lower education levels (e.g., Construction & Extraction). However, Pioneer Valley had much higher concentrations of employees with Some College or an Associate's Degree in 16 of the 19 major occupations. But 13 of the major 19 occupations in Massachusetts still had higher shares of employees with some post-secondary education (Some College or higher) than in Pioneer Valley.

Source: US Census Bureau 2008–2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: Occupations are sorted by size in Massachusetts in 2008–2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

