

COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS: CENTRAL MASS (2008-2010)

Central Mass is closely tied to its neighboring labor markets and has a large share of residents who work in neighboring regions. While 71.5 percent of the region's employed residents also work in the region, the remaining 28.5 percent commute to other regions and states for work. The Metro South/West region is the most common destination for commuters, accounting for 16.9 percent of all workers who live in Central Mass. A smaller number of workers commute into Boston/Metro North for work. In terms of inbound commuters, Metro South/West has the largest share (8.0 percent of all workers in Central Mass), followed by Pioneer Valley (3.0 percent) and Connecticut (1.8 percent). Central Mass is a net exporter of workers, with over 39,900 more residents commuting out of the region every day than commuting into the region.

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

	Number	Percent of Total
Total number of employed persons living in Central Mass...	332,752	100.0
...who work in:		
Central Mass	238,002	71.5
Metro South/West	56,392	16.9
Boston/Metro North	11,564	3.5
Northeast	7,105	2.1
Pioneer Valley	5,902	1.8
Other parts of Massachusetts	3,291	1.0
Connecticut	3,412	1.0
Rhode Island	2,696	0.8
New Hampshire	2,432	0.7
Other places outside Massachusetts	1,956	0.6
Total number of persons working in Central Mass...	292,812	100.0
...who live in:		
Central Mass	238,002	81.3
Metro South/West	23,306	8.0
Boston/Metro North	2,859	1.0
Northeast	3,942	1.3
Pioneer Valley	8,718	3.0
Other parts of Massachusetts	3,148	1.1
Connecticut	5,360	1.8
Rhode Island	3,552	1.2
New Hampshire	2,640	0.9
Other places outside Massachusetts	1,285	0.4
Net in-commuting (Number of Persons Employed in Region minus Number of Persons Living in Region)	-39,940	-