

## EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: CENTRAL MASS (2008-2010)

Industries are where people work; occupations are what people do. Understanding occupational patterns helps to illustrate what types of workers are in demand by industries. In Central Mass, Office & Administrative Support is the largest occupational group, accounting for 13.4 percent of the region's jobs at the end of the decade. However, the number of jobs in this occupation in 2008-2010 was actually fewer than in 2000. The second largest occupational group is Sales, which grew over the course of the decade. Occupations that are closely associated with growing industries have increased, such as Healthcare Support, which has a very high employment concentration in Education & Health Services. Similarly, some occupations that are strongly concentrated in declining industries have contracted, such as Production occupations in the Manufacturing sector.

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

**Note:** All Other occupations are composed of Community & Social Services, Legal, Protective Services, Farming, Fishing & Forestry, and Military Specific. Occupations are sorted largest to smallest by size in Massachusetts in 2008-2010. See the on-line Data Appendix for occupational employment trends.

