

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN CENTRAL MASS (2008-2010)

Over the past decade, the educational attainment of employees in almost all occupations increased in Central Mass. The share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher rose in 17 of the 19 major occupations. For example, the share of Business & Financial Operations employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher grew by more than 6 percentage points to reach 57.5 percent in 2008-2010. Even occupations with a mix of education levels, such as Office & Administrative Support, saw declines in the share of employees with High School Degrees or less and growth in the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher, as well as those with Some College or an Associate's Degree. The educational attainment of employees even increased in occupations where workers traditionally have less education, such as Production. As such, nine occupations in the region had a majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2008-2010, while six occupations had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less.

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.

