

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

Despite the increasing levels of educational attainment across occupations in Central Mass, the region still tends to have lower levels of educational attainment compared with Massachusetts. Of the 19 major occupation groups in Massachusetts, 16 have greater shares of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher compared with those in Central Mass. These include occupations that have a majority of employees with high levels of education (i.e., Management and Business & Financial Operations), mixed educational attainment (i.e., Office & Administrative Support), and predominantly lower education levels (i.e., Production). Meanwhile, Central Mass has much higher concentrations of employees with Some College or an Associate's Degree in 15 of the 19 major occupations. But the preponderance of Bachelor's Degrees statewide results in 15 occupations in Massachusetts having a higher share of employees with some post-secondary education (Some College or Higher) compared with Central Mass.

**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.

