

JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN CENTRAL MASS (Q4 2010)

At the end of 2010, one-half of the vacancies in Central Mass were concentrated in four occupations (Sales, Office & Administrative Support, Food Preparation & Serving, and Healthcare Practitioner & Technical). The Healthcare Practitioner & Technical occupation accounted for the largest share of vacancies (14.0 percent) and had the highest vacancy rate (4.3 percent) of all occupations in Central Mass. Other occupations with a large number of vacancies and an above-average vacancy rate included Healthcare Support and Transportation & Material Moving. In contrast, Office & Administrative Support was an example of a large occupational group that accounted for a high share of total vacancies (10.1 percent) but had a relatively low vacancy rate (1.5 percent). Not surprisingly, the number of vacancies and vacancy rates in occupations hit hardest by the Great Recession, such as Construction & Extraction, were low in the region (1.1 percent).

Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Job Vacancy Survey.

Note: Vacancy rates are calculated by taking the total number of job vacancies and dividing by the total number employed in the occupation. An asterisk (*) indicates there were vacancies in the occupation that were suppressed due to disclosure issues.

	Number of Vacancies	Share of Vacancy (Percent)	Job Vacancy Rate (Percent)
Total	6,408	100.0	2.6
Sales	862	13.5	2.9
Office & Administrative Support	647	10.1	1.5
Food Preparation & Serving Related	796	12.4	3.5
Business & Financial Operations	368	5.7	4.0
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	894	14.0	4.3
Computer & Mathematical	60	0.9	1.7
Management	171	2.7	1.2
Healthcare Support	369	5.8	3.6
Transportation & Material Moving	592	9.2	4.0
Education, Training & Library	469	7.3	2.1
Personal Care & Service	139	2.2	2.0
Production	293	4.6	1.3
Architecture & Engineering	102	1.6	2.5
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	95	1.5	1.3
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	58	0.9	2.0
Community & Social Services	115	1.8	1.6
Life, Physical, & Social Services	70	1.1	2.7
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	142	2.2	1.6
Protective Service	43	0.7	0.7
Construction & Extraction	107	1.7	1.1
Legal	*	-	0.8