

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: THE NORTHEAST REGION (2008-2010)

While more employees in the Northeast region have obtained at least a Bachelor's Degree over the course of the past decade, the most common level of educational attainment among workers is still a High School Degree. As a result, the educational attainment level of employees by industries is fairly evenly split in the Northeast region. In 2008-2010, nine of the 17 major industries in the region had a workforce where the largest share of employees had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. In the other eight industries, a High School Degree or less was the largest category. In a few industries, there was a clear majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher (such as Professional & Technical Services) or a clear majority with a High School Degree (such as Construction). However, in most industries the educational attainment of employees was somewhat evenly distributed. These included the 14 industries with at least 25 percent of employees with Some College education or an Associate's Degree.

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010.

