EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: THE NORTHEAST REGION (2008-2010)

Industries are where people work, and occupations are what people do. Occupations help to capture what types of workers are in demand by businesses. In the Northeast region, Office & Administrative Support is the largest occupational group, accounting for 13.6 percent of the region's jobs. However, the number of jobs in that occupational group was actually fewer in 2008-2010 than in 2000. In contrast, the second largest occupational group, Management, increased jobs over the course of the decade. Occupations that are closely associated with growing industries, such as Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Services, have also increased jobs, and there is very high employment in Education & Health Services. Similarly, some occupations that are strongly concentrated with 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 Data Appendix for occupational employment trends.

