

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: MASSACHUSETTS (2008-2010)

Massachusetts's occupational composition, much like its industrial composition, is similar to that of the Northeast region. Office & Administrative Support is the largest occupation and accounts for over 13 percent of employment in the state. The only major difference is in the lower share of Production occupations statewide compared with the Northeast region (4.7 versus 5.8 percent). This is largely the result of the much larger Manufacturing sector in the region. Along with similar occupational compositions, the Northeast region and Massachusetts have seen fairly similar occupational employment trends over the past decade. Exceptions were the stronger statewide growth in Education, Training & Library Services occupations and the growth in Sales occupations in Massachusetts (a category that declined slightly in the Northeast region).

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.

