

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: THE NORTHEAST REGION (2000)

By looking at the educational attainment of an occupational group, we better understand the education required in that field of employment. In 2000, in Office & Administrative Support occupations, nearly 42 percent of employees in the Northeast had Some College education or an Associate's Degree, and a similar percentage had a High School Degree or less. By comparison, 57.8 percent of employees in Management had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. Educational attainment gives some indication of the skills requirement, but it is not a perfect proxy for skill. Some occupations require significant training or other certification. For example, in Installation, Maintenance, & Repair occupations, over 60 percent of employees have a High School Degree or less, but these occupations often require apprenticeships, professional certifications, or significant on-the-job training.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files.

Note: Occupations are sorted by size in Massachusetts in 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

