

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

Over the past decade, the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher increased in 18 of the 19 major occupations of the Northeast region. For example, the share of Business & Financial Operations employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher grew by more than 6 percentage points to reach 64.8 percent in 2008-2010. Occupations with a mix of educational levels, such as Office & Administrative Support, also saw declines in the share of employees with High School Degrees or less and growth in the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. The educational attainment of employees even increased in occupations where workers traditionally have less education, such as Production. As a result, nine occupations in the region had a majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2008-2010, while six occupations had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less.

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

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

