

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: MASSACHUSETTS (2008-2010)

Despite the increasing levels of educational attainment across occupations in the Northeast region, it still tends to have lower levels of educational attainment compared with Massachusetts. Of the 19 major occupation groups in Massachusetts, 16 have greater shares of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher than those same occupation groups in the Northeast region. These include occupations that have a majority of employees with high levels of education (e.g., Management and Business), mixed educational attainment (e.g., Office & Administrative Support), and predominantly lower education levels (e.g., Construction & Extraction). The Northeast region has much higher concentrations of employees with Some College or an Associate's Degree in 15 of the 19 major occupations. However, the larger share of Bachelor's Degrees statewide results in 12 occupations in Massachusetts having a higher share of employees with some post-secondary education (Some College or Higher) compared with the region.

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.

