

## JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: THE NORTHEAST REGION (Q4 2010)

At the end of 2010, just over half the vacancies in the Northeast were concentrated in four occupations: Sales, Office & Administrative Support, Food Preparation & Serving, and Business & Financial Operations. Sales positions accounted for the largest share of vacancies (24.5 percent) and had the highest vacancy rate (5.9 percent) of all occupations in the Northeast region. However, some of these positions, especially in retail, were seasonal in nature. Other occupations with a large number of vacancies and an above-average vacancy rate included Computer & Mathematical and Healthcare Support occupations. Some large occupational groups, such as Office & Administrative Support, account for a large number of vacancies (9.7 percent), but have a relatively low vacancy rate (1.4 percent). Not surprisingly, the vacancy rates in occupations hit hardest by the Great Recession, such as Production, were extremely low in the region (0.8 percent).

**Source:** Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Job Vacancy Survey.

**Note:** Vacancy rates are calculated by taking the total number of job vacancies and dividing by the total number employed in the occupation.

	Number of Vacancies	Share of Vacancy (Percent)	Job Vacancy Rate (Percent)
Totals	9,932	100.0	2.6
Sales	2,435	24.5	5.9
Office & Administrative Support	967	9.7	1.4
Food Preparation & Serving Related	981	9.9	2.4
Business & Financial Operations	646	6.5	3.2
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	501	5.0	1.8
Computer & Mathematical	541	5.4	3.0
Management	503	5.1	2.0
Healthcare Support	465	4.7	3.4
Transportation & Material Moving	493	5.0	2.4
Education, Training & Library	248	2.5	0.9
Personal Care & Service	293	3.0	2.4
Production	267	2.7	0.8
Architecture & Engineering	424	4.3	2.9
Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance	290	2.9	2.8
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	81	0.8	1.6
Community & Social Services	201	2.0	2.5
Life, Physical, & Social Services	68	0.7	1.0
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	259	2.6	1.7
Protective Service	196	2.0	2.2
Construction & Extraction	47	0.5	0.3
Legal	26	0.3	1.2