

JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: MASSACHUSETTS (Q4 2010)

Similar to the Northeast region, the largest number of job vacancies and highest vacancy rates in Massachusetts at the end of 2010 were in Sales occupations. And 50 percent of vacancies were concentrated among the same four occupations as in the Northeast region. However, Massachusetts had a lower share of vacancies coming from Sales occupations and larger shares from Office & Administrative Support, Food Preparation & Serving, and Business & Financial Operations. While vacancy rates in the state and in the region are mostly similar, a few occupations have much higher rates statewide (e.g., Life, Physical, & Social Sciences and Computer & Mathematical Occupations). The vacancy rates in others, such as Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance, are higher in the Northeast region.

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	78,589	100.0	2.8
Sales	16,584	21.1	5.2
Office & Administrative Support	8,650	11.0	1.6
Food Preparation & Serving Related	8,195	10.4	3.1
Business & Financial Operations	6,079	7.7	3.6
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	5,249	6.7	2.3
Computer & Mathematical	4,950	6.3	4.0
Management	4,595	5.8	2.5
Healthcare Support	3,634	4.6	3.8
Transportation & Material Moving	3,214	4.1	2.1
Education, Training & Library	2,895	3.7	1.3
Personal Care & Service	2,055	2.6	2.4
Production	1,774	2.3	1.1
Architecture & Engineering	1,734	2.2	2.3
Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance	1,555	2.0	1.5
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	1,421	1.8	2.7
Community & Social Services	1,411	1.8	2.2
Life, Physical, & Social Services	1,398	1.8	2.6
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	1,160	1.5	1.2
Protective Service	1,124	1.4	1.5
Construction & Extraction	583	0.7	0.6
Legal	244	0.3	1.0