

COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN PIONEER VALLEY (2008–2010)

An overwhelming majority of the employed residents of Pioneer Valley work in the region, making Pioneer Valley one of the labor markets least likely to rely on commuters as a large share of its workforce. With 85.5 percent of the employed residents in the region also working in the region, the largest share of outbound commuters (7.3 percent of all employed residents) cross the border to Connecticut for work, while only 5.8 percent commute to other Massachusetts labor markets (mostly to Berkshire and Central Mass). Even smaller shares of workers commute into Pioneer Valley, with 91.5 percent of employees also being residents. The largest group of inbound commuters crosses the Connecticut border into Pioneer Valley (3.6 percent of all workers in the region), while smaller shares commute from a number of regional labor markets in Massachusetts, led by Central Mass (1.9 percent). As a result, Pioneer Valley is a net exporter of workers, with nearly 21,200 more commuting out of the region every day than commuting into the region.

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

	Number	Percent of Total
Total number of employed persons living in Pioneer Valley...	324,026	100.0
...who work in:		
Pioneer Valley	277,172	85.5
Central Mass	8,718	2.7
Berkshire	5,431	1.7
Other parts of Massachusetts	4,714	1.5
Connecticut	23,550	7.3
Vermont	1,337	0.4
New York	1,032	0.3
Other places outside Massachusetts	2,072	0.6
Total number of persons working in Pioneer Valley...	302,831	100.0
...who live in:		
Pioneer Valley	277,172	91.5
Central Mass	5,902	1.9
Berkshire	2,762	0.9
Other parts of Massachusetts	2,309	0.8
Connecticut	10,797	3.6
New York	1,039	0.3
Vermont	832	0.3
Other places outside Massachusetts	2,018	0.7
Net in-commuting (Number of Persons Employed in Region minus Number of Persons Living in Region)	-21,195	-