

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR INDUSTRY IN PIONEER VALLEY (2008–2010)

An increasing number of workers in Pioneer Valley had a Bachelor's Degree or higher over the past decade, but the most common level of educational attainment among the region's employees remains a High School Degree. As a result, the educational attainment level of employees by industries is fairly evenly split in Pioneer Valley. In 2008–2010, seven of the 17 major industries in the region had a workforce where the largest share of employees had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. Another eight industries had a High School Degree or less as the largest category. In a few industries, there was a clear majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher, such as Professional & Technical Services, or a clear majority with a High School Degree or less, such as Construction. In most industries, however, the educational attainment of employees was somewhat evenly distributed, including 15 industries having at least 25 percent of employees with Some College education or an Associate's Degree.

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010.

