

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: MASSACHUSETTS (2008–2010)

Massachusetts’s occupational composition, much like its industrial composition, is somewhat different from that of Pioneer Valley. Office & Administrative Support is the largest occupation and accounts for over 13 percent of employment in the state. However, the state has much stronger employment concentrations in Management, Business & Financial Operations, and Computer & Mathematical occupations compared with Pioneer Valley. In turn, Pioneer Valley has stronger occupational concentrations in Production and in Transportation & Material Moving. Despite such differences in occupational compositions, Pioneer Valley and Massachusetts saw fairly similar occupational employment trends over the past decade. The few major differences were the statewide growth in Education, Training, & Library Services and in Business & Financial occupations, both of which declined slightly in the region, and Pioneer Valley’s growth in Computer & Mathematical occupations, which declined statewide.

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

Note: All Other occupations are composed of Community & Social Services, Legal, Protective Services, Farming, Fishing, & Forestry, and Military Specific. Occupations are sorted largest to smallest by size in Massachusetts in 2008–2010. See the on-line Data Appendix for occupational employment trends.

