

JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN GREATER BOSTON (Q4 2010)

At the end of 2010, 46.3 percent of the vacancies in Pioneer Valley were concentrated in three occupations (Sales, Office & Administrative Support, and Food Preparation & Serving). Sales positions accounted for the largest share of vacancies (22.1 percent) and the highest vacancy rate (5.4 percent) of all occupations in Pioneer Valley. However, some of these positions, especially in retail, are seasonal in nature. Other occupations with a large number of vacancies and an above-average vacancy rate included Business & Financial Operations and Healthcare Support. In contrast, Office & Administrative Support was an example of an occupational group with a large share of total vacancies (10.5 percent) but a relatively low vacancy rate (1.5 percent). Not surprisingly, the region saw low numbers of vacancies and vacancy rates in occupations hit hardest by the Great Recession, such as Construction & Extraction (with a vacancy rate of 0.6 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. An asterisk (*) indicates there were vacancies in the occupation that were suppressed due to disclosure issues.

	Number of Vacancies	Share of Vacancy (Percent)	Job Vacancy Rate (Percent)
Total	6,650	100.0	2.6
Sales	1,469	22.1	5.4
Office & Administrative Support	695	10.5	1.5
Food Preparation & Serving Related	916	13.8	3.8
Business & Financial Operations	384	5.8	4.3
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	463	7.0	2.3
Computer & Mathematical	*	-	1.1
Management	136	2.0	1.1
Healthcare Support	446	6.7	4.4
Transportation & Material Moving	330	5.0	2.0
Education, Training & Library	218	3.3	0.8
Personal Care & Service	*	-	3.2
Production	359	5.4	1.7
Architecture & Engineering	41	0.6	1.5
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	270	4.1	3.1
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	101	1.5	2.7
Community & Social Services	202	3.0	2.7
Life, Physical, & Social Services	21	0.3	0.8
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	84	1.3	0.8
Protective Service	99	1.5	1.5
Construction & Extraction	42	0.6	0.6