

COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN THE CAPE & ISLANDS (2008–2010)

An overwhelming majority (86.8 percent) of the employed residents of the Cape & Islands work in the region, making it one of the least commuter-oriented labor markets in the state. Among the small number of residents commuting to other regions and states, the Southeast region is the most common destination (6.0 percent of all workers who live in the Cape & Islands), while a smaller share (4.4 percent) commutes to the Greater Boston area (Boston/Metro North and Metro South/West). Even smaller shares of workers commute into the Cape & Islands, with 90.4 percent of employees also being residents of the region. Nearly 70 percent of the inbound commuters come from the Southeast (6.7 percent of all workers in the region), with the second largest number of workers in the region coming from places other than Massachusetts and Rhode Island (1.3 percent). As a result, the Cape & Islands is a net exporter of workers, with nearly 4,500 more residents commuting out of the region every day than commuting into it.

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

	Number	Percent of Total
Total number of employed persons living in the Cape & Islands...	112,526	100.0
...who work in:		
Cape & Islands	97,705	86.8
Southeast	6,770	6.0
Boston/Metro North	3,063	2.7
Metro South/West	1,922	1.7
Other parts of Massachusetts	837	0.7
Rhode Island	507	0.5
Other places outside Massachusetts	1,722	1.5
Total number of persons working in the Cape & Islands...	108,074	100.0
...who live in:		
Cape & Islands	97,705	90.4
Southeast	7,195	6.7
Boston/Metro North	357	0.3
Metro South/West	605	0.6
Other parts of Massachusetts	501	0.5
Rhode Island	357	0.3
Other places outside Massachusetts	1,354	1.3
Net in-commuting (Number of Persons Employed in Region minus Number of Persons Living in Region)	-4,452	-