

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

The educational attainment of employees in industries in Massachusetts differed substantially from their counterparts in the Cape & Islands in 2008–2010. In Massachusetts, nine of the 17 major industries had a workforce where the largest share of employees had a Bachelor’s Degree or higher. However, in only eight of the 16 major industries was the share of employees with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher greater statewide than in the Cape & Islands. Most notably, industries that typically have large shares of employees with a High School Degree or less statewide, such as Manufacturing, Other Services, Construction, and Transportation & Warehousing, employed larger shares with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher in the Cape & Islands. The largest difference was in Accommodation & Food Services, where only 16.7 percent of employees statewide had a Bachelor’s Degree or higher, compared with 35.4 percent in the Cape & Islands. However, the share of employees with any post-secondary education (Some College or higher) in Massachusetts was lower than in the Cape & Islands in 11 of the 16 major industries, due to the higher shares of those with a High School Degree or less in most major industries statewide.

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010. Comparisons between Massachusetts and the Cape & Islands can be made across only 16 industries due to a lack of educational attainment information for Management of Companies & Enterprises in the Cape & Islands.

