

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: THE CAPE & ISLANDS (2008–2010)

Industries are where people work, and occupations are what people do. Looking at the occupational composition of the Cape & Islands helps to reveal what types of workers are in demand by businesses. In the Cape & Islands, Office & Administrative Support is the largest occupational group, accounting for 13.0 percent of the region's jobs in 2008–2010. However, the number of jobs in this occupation was actually fewer than in 2000. The number of jobs in Sales, the second largest occupational group in the region, also decreased over the course of the decade. But Management, the third largest occupation, was one of the faster growing occupations in the Cape & Islands during the same period. Occupations that are closely associated with growing industries have increased; one example is Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Services, which has high employment concentrations in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector. Similarly, some occupations that are strongly concentrated in declining industries have contracted, such as Construction & Extraction occupations in the Construction sector.

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.

