

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN THE CAPE & ISLANDS (2000)

By looking at the educational attainment of an occupational group, we better understand the education typically required in that field of employment. In 2000, 45.1 percent of employees in Office & Administrative Support occupations in the Cape & Islands had Some College education or an Associate's Degree, and a smaller percentage (36.2 percent) had a High School Degree or less. By comparison, 82.2 percent of employees in Education, Training, & Library Services had a Bachelor's Degree or higher, while 59.5 percent of employees in Transportation & Material Moving had a High School Degree or less. While educational attainment gives some indication of skill requirements, it is not a perfect proxy for skill. Some occupations require significant training or other prerequisites. For example, in Installation, Maintenance, & Repair occupations, 55.7 percent of employees had a High School Degree or less, but these occupations often require apprenticeships, professional certifications, or significant on-the-job training.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files.

Note: Occupations are sorted by size in Massachusetts in 2008–2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

