

COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS: BOSTON/METRO NORTH (2008–2010)

As a major employment center of the New England region, Boston/Metro North relies heavily on commuters from across the state and from nearby states. More than 400,000 people, or 46 percent of those employed in the region, commute into Boston/Metro North for work. Most of them come from the bordering labor markets of Metro South/West (15.9 percent of all workers in Boston/Metro North), the Northeast region (12.2 percent), and the Southeast region (11.8 percent). The region also draws some 38,000 commuters from outside Massachusetts. At the same time, 75.8 percent of Boston/Metro North’s employed residents also work in the region, with 13 percent of residents commuting out to Metro South/West and smaller shares commuting to the Northeast region (5.7 percent) and the Southeast region (3.2 percent). With its heavy reliance on commuters, Boston/Metro North is a net importer of workers, with 258,000 more commuting into the region than commuting out.

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

	Number	Percent of Total
Total number of employed persons living in the Boston/Metro North...	644,222	100.0
...who work in:		
Boston/Metro North	488,387	75.8
Metro South/West	85,621	13.3
Northeast	36,693	5.7
Southeast	20,692	3.2
Central Mass	2,859	0.4
Other parts of Massachusetts	792	0.1
New Hampshire	2,432	0.4
Rhode Island	907	0.1
Other places outside Massachusetts	5,839	0.9
Total number of persons working in Boston/Metro North...	902,144	100.0
...who live in:		
Boston/Metro North	488,387	54.1
Metro South/West	143,259	15.9
Northeast	110,133	12.2
Southeast	106,686	11.8
Central Mass	11,564	1.3
Other parts of Massachusetts	4,003	0.4
New Hampshire	20,077	2.2
Rhode Island	7,494	0.8
Other places outside Massachusetts	10,541	1.2
Net In-Commuting (Number of Persons Employed in Region Minus Number of Persons Living in Region)	257,922	-