EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR INDUSTRY IN BOSTON/METRO NORTH (2008-2010)

With a highly educated population working and living in Boston/ Metro North, it is not surprising that most industries in the region employ a highly educated workforce. In 2008-2010, 10 of the 17 major industries in the region had a workforce where more than 40 percent of employees had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. Notably, the region also had high concentrations of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in industries that often employ less educated workers, such as Manufacturing (49.1 percent). Only seven industries in Boston/Metro North had a workforce where a High School Degree or less was the most common level of educational attainment among the employed. Even in these industries, the majority of employees tended to have Some College education or more. Construction and Accommodation & Food Services were the two industries that had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less.

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010.

