

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN BOSTON/METRO NORTH (2000)

By looking at the educational attainment of an occupational group, we better understand the education required in that field of employment. In 2000, over 37 percent of employees in Office & Administrative Support occupations in Boston/Metro North had Some College education or an Associate's Degree, and 25 percent of the workers had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. By comparison, nearly 70 percent of employees in Management had a Bachelor's Degree or higher, and only 20 percent had Some College education or an Associate's Degree as their highest educational level. Educational attainment gives some indication of skill requirements, but it is not a perfect proxy. Some occupations require significant training or other certifications. For example, in Installation, Maintenance & Repair occupations, over 50 percent of employees have 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.

