

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

Over the past decade, the education levels of workers in nearly all occupations have increased in Boston/Metro North. For example, the share of employees working in management jobs who hold a Bachelor's Degree or higher grew by over 5 percentage points to reach 75.8 percent in 2008-2010. Even occupations with a mix of educational levels, such as Office & Administrative Support, saw declines in the share of employees with an Associate's Degree or less and growth in the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. The educational attainment of employees even increased in occupations where workers traditionally have less education, such as Food Preparation & Serving. Nine occupations in the region had a majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2008-2010; in eight of them, the figure was at least 75 percent. In comparison, only six occupations had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less, with Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance having the highest share at 73.3 percent.

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

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

