

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN MASSACHUSETTS (2008-2010)

The higher level of educational attainment of workers in different occupations in Boston/Metro North stands out in comparison with the educational levels in Massachusetts. In 2008-2010, all but one of the 19 major occupation groups in Massachusetts had a lower share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher compared with those in Boston/Metro North. These included occupations that had a majority of employees with high levels of education (e.g., Management and Business), mixed educational attainment (e.g., Office & Administrative Support), and lower education levels (e.g., Production). At the same time, Massachusetts had a higher share of employees with Some College education or an Associate's Degree, when compared with Boston/Metro North, in 18 of the 19 occupations. However, the state still had a smaller share of employees that had obtained at least some post-secondary education (Some College education or higher) than Boston/Metro North in all but five occupations: Production, Construction & Extraction, Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance, Life, Physical, & Social Science, and Education, Training, & Library Services.

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.

