

JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN GREATER BOSTON (Q4 2010)

At the end of 2010, nearly 70 percent of the vacancies in Greater Boston were concentrated in six occupations. Sales positions accounted for the largest share of vacancies (20.5 percent) and had the highest vacancy rate (5.5 percent) of all occupations in Greater Boston. Some of these positions, especially in retail, are seasonal in nature. Other occupations with a large number of vacancies and an above-average vacancy rate included Computer & Mathematical, Business & Financial Operations, and Management occupations. Some large occupational groups such as Office & Administrative Support accounted for a high number of vacancies (11.0 percent of the total for all occupations) but had a relatively low vacancy rate (1.7 percent). Not surprisingly, the number of vacancies and vacancy rates in occupations hit hard by the Great Recession, such as Production, were extremely low in the region.

Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Job Vacancy Survey.

Note: Vacancy rates are calculated by taking the total number of job vacancies and dividing by the total number employed in the occupation.

	Number of Vacancies	Share of Vacancy (Percent)	Job Vacancy Rate (Percent)
Total	42,880	100.0	2.9
Sales	8,798	20.5	5.5
Office & Administrative Support	4,737	11.0	1.7
Food Preparation & Serving Related	3,916	9.1	3.2
Business & Financial Operations	4,079	9.5	3.6
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	2,278	5.3	1.9
Computer & Mathematical	4,092	9.5	4.6
Management	3,562	8.3	3.3
Healthcare Support	1,500	3.5	3.6
Transportation & Material Moving	1,142	2.7	1.8
Education, Training & Library	1,638	3.8	1.6
Personal Care & Service	991	2.3	2.4
Production	429	1.0	0.8
Architecture & Engineering	1,061	2.5	2.4
Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance	438	1.0	0.8
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	1,060	2.5	3.2
Community & Social Services	650	1.5	2.1
Life, Physical, & Social Services	1,074	2.5	2.8
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	296	0.7	0.7
Protective Service	662	1.5	1.6
Construction & Extraction	265	0.6	0.6
Legal	187	0.4	1.0