DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION EMPLOYED IN THE CAPE & ISLANDS

Because the employed residential population of the Cape & Islands makes up 90.4 percent of the region’s workforce, the demographic characteristics of the two groups are very similar. Over the past decade, the number of immigrant employees in the region increased, while the number of native-born employees declined. The region’s workers also became more diverse, with growth in Black and Hispanic employees, and the number of Hispanic employees nearly doubled in the past decade. The Cape & Islands has the oldest workforce of all regional labor markets, with nearly 55 percent 45 years of age or older. The region has also seen increasingly higher levels of educational attainment among employees. While a Bachelor’s Degree has become the most common level of educational attainment among the region’s labor force, a High School Degree continues to be the most common level of educational attainment among the employed.


Note: Further data for racial/ethnic and gender characteristics for total, working-age, and civilian labor force population are available in the on-line Data Appendix.