

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR INDUSTRY IN THE CAPE & ISLANDS (2008–2010)

While the Cape & Islands employed more workers with a Bachelor's Degree or higher over the past decade, the most common level of educational attainment among the region's employees remains a High School Degree. However, when looking at educational attainment of employees by industry we find many of the region's industries employ large shares of workers with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. In 2008–2010, eight of the 16 major industries in the region had a workforce where the largest share of employees had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. Only six industries in the Cape & Islands had a High School Degree or less as the largest category. Construction was the only industry where a majority of employees had a High School Degree or less (51.1 percent), and there were only two industries where a majority of employees had a Bachelor's Degree or higher (Educational Services, at 72.7 percent, and Professional & Technical Services, at 66.8 percent). In most industries, the educational attainment of employees was somewhat more evenly distributed, with 13 industries having at least 25 percent of employees with Some College education or an Associate's Degree.

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

**Note:** Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010. Responses to the 2000 Census and 2008–2010 American Community Survey are used to gauge educational attainment of employees by industry; an adequate sample size of survey responses within an industry is required to report a distribution. Management of Companies & Enterprises is the smallest industry in the Cape & Islands, with just over 400 employees in Q4 2010. Due to the limited number of survey responses, it is not possible to calculate any educational distribution for the industry.

