

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: MASSACHUSETTS (2008–2010)

Massachusetts's occupational composition, much like its industrial composition, is somewhat different from that of the Cape & Islands. Office & Administrative Support is the largest occupation group, as in the Cape & Islands, and accounted for more than 13 percent of employment statewide in 2008–2010. However, the state has much stronger employment concentrations in Management, Business & Financial Operations, and Computer & Mathematical occupations. The Cape & Islands has stronger concentrations in Sales, Food Preparation & Serving, and Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance. Occupational employment trends over the past decade were quite different in the Cape & Islands and in Massachusetts. For example, in the Cape & Islands only eight of the 19 occupational groups increased employment over the decade, while 11 of them expanded in Massachusetts. Comparing occupational growth across geographies, we see that 11 of the 19 occupations in Massachusetts experienced stronger growth or slower declines than their occupational counterparts in the Cape & Islands between 2000 and 2008–2010.

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

Note: All Other occupations are composed of Community & Social Services, Legal, Protective Services, Farming, Fishing, & Forestry, and Military Specific. Occupations are sorted largest to smallest by size in Massachusetts in 2008–2010. See the on-line Data Appendix for occupational employment trends.

