

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

Over the past decade, the share of employees with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher increased in 13 of the 19 major occupations in the Cape & Islands. For example, the share of Business & Financial Operations employees with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher grew by more than 11 percentage points to reach 69.6 percent in 2008–2010. Occupations with a mix of educational levels, such as Office & Administrative Support, saw declines in the share of employees with a High School Degree or less and growth in the share of employees with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher. The educational attainment of employees even increased in occupations where workers traditionally have less education, such as Food Preparation & Serving. As such, nine occupations in the region had a majority of employees with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher in 2008–2010, while only five occupations had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less. The Cape & Islands also employs a large number of workers with Some College education or an Associate’s Degree; at least one-quarter of employees in 13 of the 19 occupations in the region had such educational levels in 2008–2010.

**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.

