

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN MASSACHUSETTS (2008–2010)

The high levels of educational attainment in different occupations in the Cape & Islands stands out when compared with education levels in Massachusetts. Of the 19 major occupation groups in Massachusetts, only seven have greater shares of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher compared with those in the Cape & Islands. These are mostly occupations where the majority of employees have a Bachelor's Degree or higher, such as Management and Business & Financial Operations, with the largest difference in Computer & Mathematical occupations (76.8 percent in Massachusetts versus 52.7 percent in the Cape & Islands). However, the state has smaller shares of such workers in occupations with mixed educational attainment levels (e.g., Office & Administrative Support and Sales) and predominantly lower education levels (e.g., Production) with the largest difference in Food Preparation & Serving occupations (11.8 percent in Massachusetts versus 26.1 percent in the Cape & Islands). Statewide, there are also smaller concentrations of employees with Some College or an Associate's Degree in 13 occupations, with only five occupations in Massachusetts having higher shares of employees with at least some post-secondary education (Some College or higher) than their occupational counterparts in the Cape & Islands.

**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.

