

JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN THE CAPE & ISLANDS (Q4 2010)

At the end of 2010, 68.3 percent of the job vacancies in the Cape & Islands were concentrated in five occupations (Sales, Office & Administrative Support, Food Preparation & Serving, Healthcare Practitioners & Technical, and Healthcare Support). Sales positions accounted for the largest share of vacancies (25.4 percent) but had the third highest occupational vacancy rate (4.2 percent). However, some Sales positions, especially in retail, are seasonal in nature. Other occupations with a large number of vacancies and above-average vacancy rates included Healthcare Practitioners & Technical and Healthcare Support occupations. Some occupational groups such as Office & Administrative Support accounted for a large number of vacancies (9.8 percent of the region's total) but had a relatively low vacancy rate (1.3 percent), while others such as Computer & Mathematical occupations accounted for a small share of regional vacancies (2.9 percent) but a high vacancy rate (7.3 percent). Not surprisingly, the vacancy rates in occupations hit hardest by the Great Recession, such as Construction & Extraction (0.7 percent), were low in the Cape & Islands.

Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Job Vacancy Survey.

Note: Vacancy rates are calculated by taking the total number of job vacancies and dividing by the total number employed in the occupation. An asterisk (*) indicates there were vacancies in the occupation that were suppressed due to disclosure issues.

	Number of Vacancies	Share of Vacancy (Percent)	Job Vacancy Rate (Percent)
Total	2,117	100.0	2.5
Sales	538	25.4	4.2
Office & Administrative Support	207	9.8	1.3
Food Preparation & Serving Related	217	10.3	1.5
Business & Financial Operations	11	0.5	0.4
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	258	12.2	4.1
Computer & Mathematical	61	2.9	7.3
Management	58	2.7	1.5
Healthcare Support	226	10.7	5.9
Transportation & Material Moving	23	1.1	0.5
Education, Training & Library	129	6.1	2.0
Personal Care & Service	101	4.8	3.4
Production	21	1.0	1.0
Architecture & Engineering	*	-	2.2
Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance	72	3.4	1.2
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	15	0.7	1.1
Community & Social Services	33	1.6	1.8
Life, Physical, & Social Services	*	-	2.3
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	25	1.2	0.7
Protective Service	34	1.6	1.4
Construction & Extraction	*	-	0.7