JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN CENTRAL MASS (Q4 2010)

At the end of 2010, one-half of the vacancies in Central Mass were concentrated in four occupations (Sales, Office & Administrative Support, Food Preparation & Serving, and Healthcare Practitioner & Technical). The Healthcare Practitioner & Technical occupation accounted for the largest share of vacancies (14.0 percent) and had the highest vacancy rate (4.3 percent) of all occupations in Central Mass. Other occupations with a large number of vacancies and an above-average vacancy rate included Healthcare Support and Transportation & Material Moving. In contrast, Office & Administrative Support was an example of a large occupational group that accounted for a high share of total vacancies (10.1 percent) but had a relatively low vacancy rate (1.5 percent). Not surprisingly, the number of vacancies and vacancy rates in occupations hit hardest by the Great Recession, such as Construction & Extraction, were low in the region (1.1 percent).

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.