COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN METRO SOUTH/WEST (2008-2010)

Metro South/West is closely tied to its neighboring labor markets and relies on workers from outside of the region. While 58 percent of the employed residents of the region also work in the region, nearly 27 percent of Metro South/West residents commute to the Boston/Metro North region for work, and another 13 percent commute to other bordering regions (i.e. Southeast, Central Mass, and Northeast). Metro South/West also has a large number of employees commuting into the region, with 41 percent coming from bordering regions and additional commuters from New Hampshire (2.4 percent) and Rhode Island (2.5 percent). Overall, Metro South/West is a net importer of workers, with 60,000 more employees commuting into the region for work than residents commuting out.