EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: MASSACHUSETTS (2008-2010)

Massachusetts has a higher concentration of employees in Office & Administrative Support occupations than does the Metro South/West region. These occupations account for over 13 percent of employment in the state. The state also has higher shares of employees in occupations such as Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Services, and smaller shares in Business & Financial Operations and Computer & Mathematical occupations. Despite variations in occupational composition, the patterns of occupational growth were similar in Metro South/West and Massachusetts over the past decade. The few exceptions were the stronger growth in Healthcare Support occupations at the state level and a slight decline in Construction & Extraction occupations in Massachusetts (while employment in such occupations grew slightly in Metro South/West).

Source: US Census Bureau 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: All Other occupations are composed of Community & Social Services, Legal, Protective Services, Farming, Fishing & Forestry, and Military Specific. Occupations are sorted largest to smallest by size in Massachusetts. See Data Appendix for occupational employment trends.

