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

The higher level of educational attainment of workers in Metro South/West in different occupations stands out in comparison with the educational levels in Massachusetts. Within the 19 major occupation groups in Massachusetts, 17 have a lower share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher compared with those in Metro South/West. This includes occupations that have a majority of employees with high levels of education (e.g., Management and Business), mixed educational attainment (e.g., Office & Administrative Support), and predominantly lower education levels (e.g., Production). In only two occupational groups (Building and Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance and Food Preparation & Serving) is the share of employees with a High School Degree or less higher in Metro South/West than in Massachusetts.

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.

