COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN THE NORTHEAST REGION (2008-2010)

The Northeast region is closely tied to its neighboring labor markets and has a large share of residents working in neighboring regions. While 62.5 percent of the employed residents living in the region also work in the region, 22 percent of the region's employed residents commute to Boston/Metro North, another 9.2 percent commute to Metro South/West, and 3.8 percent cross the border to New Hampshire for work. Far fewer workers commute into the Northeast region, with 73.8 percent of the region's employees also being residents. New Hampshire is the most common source of people commuting into the region (9.9 percent of all persons working in the Northeast region), while smaller numbers commute from Boston/Metro North (8.6 percent) and Metro South/ West (4.3 percent). As a result, the Northeast region is a net exporter of workers, with 76,600 more residents commuting out of the region every day than into it.

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

	Number	Percent of Total
Total number of employed persons living in Northeast	501,228	100.0
who work in:		
Northeast	313,338	62.5
Boston/Metro North	110,133	22.0
Metro South/West	45,878	9.2
Southeast	4,157	0.8
Other parts of Massachusetts	4,509	0.9
New Hampshire	19,172	3.8
Other places outside Massachusetts	4,041	0.8
Total number of persons working in Northeast	424,579	100.0
who live in:		
Northeast	313,338	73.8
Boston/Metro North	36,693	8.6
Metro South/West	18,260	4.3
Southeast	3,717	0.9
Other parts of Massachusetts	7,895	1.9
New Hampshire	41,939	9.9
Other places outside Massachusetts	2,737	0.6
Net in-commuting (Number of Persons Employed in Region minus Number of Persons Living in Region)	-76,649	-