

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN PIONEER VALLEY (2008–2010)

Over the past decade, the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher increased in 16 of the 19 major occupations in Pioneer Valley. For example, the share of Computer & Mathematical employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher grew by more than 16 percentage points to reach 67.0 percent in 2008–2010. Even occupations with a mix of educational levels, such as Office & Administrative Support, saw declines in the share of employees with a High School Degree or less and growth in the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. The educational attainment of employees even increased in occupations where workers traditionally have less education, such as Production. As such, nine occupations in the region had a majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2008–2010, while six occupations had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less.

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.

