

## COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS: THE SOUTHEAST REGION (2008-2010)

The Southeast region is closely tied to its neighboring labor markets and has a large share of residents who work in neighboring regions. While 67.6 percent of the employed residents of the region also work in the region, the remaining third commute elsewhere, making the Southeast region the third-largest exporter of workers among regional labor markets. In 2008-2010, the most common destinations for residents who commute out of the region were: Boston/Metro North (16.3 percent of all workers living in Southeast), Metro South/West (8.9 percent), and across the border into Rhode Island (4.3 percent). Fewer employees commuted into the region (17.5 percent of all workers in the region), with commuters coming from a number of the state's regional labor markets. The largest share of those who commuted into the region for work came from Rhode Island (accounting for 5.2 percent of all workers in the Southeast region) followed by Metro South/West (4.9 percent). As a result, the Southeast region is the largest net exporter of workers among Massachusetts regional labor markets, with 117,600 more outbound than inbound commuters in 2008-2010.

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

	Number	Percent of Total
Total number of employed persons living in the Southeast region...	652,693	100.0
...who work in:		
Southeast	441,244	67.6
Boston/Metro North	106,686	16.3
Metro South/West	57,855	8.9
Cape & Islands	7,195	1.1
Other parts of Massachusetts	6,915	1.1
Rhode Island	28,110	4.3
Other places outside Massachusetts	4,688	0.7
Total number of persons working in the Southeast region...	535,070	100.0
...who live in:		
Southeast	441,244	82.5
Boston/Metro North	20,692	3.9
Metro South/West	26,439	4.9
Cape & Islands	6,770	1.3
Other parts of Massachusetts	7,512	1.4
Rhode Island	27,964	5.2
Other places outside Massachusetts	4,449	0.8
Net In-Commuting (Number of Persons Employed in Region Minus Number of Persons Living in Region)	-117,623	-