

COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN BERKSHIRE (2008-2010)

Very few people in the Berkshire region commute out of the region for work: 90.8 percent of the region's employed residents work in the region. For the small share who do commute, the Pioneer Valley region is the most common destination (5.2 percent of all workers who live in Berkshire), while a smaller share (1.8 percent) commute to the state of New York. Berkshire attracts a larger number into the region for employment. Of those employed in Berkshire, only 83.3 percent are also residents of the region. Nearly half of the inbound commuters come from Pioneer Valley (9.4 percent of all workers in Berkshire), with the second largest share coming from the state of New York (4.6 percent). As such, Berkshire is a net importer of workers, with 4,700 more employees commuting into the region than residents commuting out of the region. In fact, Berkshire is the only regional labor market outside of Greater Boston (Boston/Metro North and Metro South/West) that is a net importer of workers.

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

	Number	Percent of Total
Total number of employed persons living in Berkshire...	53,061	100.0
...who work in:		
Berkshire	48,167	90.8
Pioneer Valley	2,762	5.2
Other parts of Massachusetts	224	0.4
New York	958	1.8
Vermont	338	0.6
Connecticut	335	0.6
Other places outside Massachusetts	277	0.5
Total number of persons working in Berkshire...	57,834	100.0
...who live in:		
Berkshire	48,167	83.3
Pioneer Valley	5,431	9.4
Other parts of Massachusetts	282	0.5
New York	2,681	4.6
Vermont	764	1.3
Connecticut	255	0.4
Other places outside Massachusetts	254	0.4
Net In-Commuting (Number of Persons Employed in Region Minus Number of Persons Living in Region)	4,773	-