

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION EMPLOYED IN BERKSHIRE

Because Berkshire's employed residential population makes up 83.3 percent of its workforce, the demographic characteristics of those employed in the region are fairly similar to those of its residents. Over the past decade, the region employed more immigrants, and the number of native-born employees declined. The region's workers also became more diverse from growth in Black, Asian, and Hispanic employees, with the number of Asian and Hispanic employees more than doubling in the past decade. And much like the residential population of Berkshire, there is a growing concentration of older employees. Berkshire has also seen increasingly higher levels of educational attainment among employees, but a High School Degree continues to be the most common level of educational attainment among the employed.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: Further data for racial/ethnic and gender characteristics for total, working-age, and civilian labor force population are available in the on-line Data Appendix.

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Employed Population	60,038	57,834	-2,204	-0.4
Gender				
Male	29,927	27,716	-2,211	-0.8
Female	30,111	30,118	7	0.0
Nativity				
Native Born	57,825	53,930	-3,895	-0.8
Immigrant	2,213	3,904	1,691	6.5
Race/Ethnicity				
White, non-Hispanic	57,756	52,816	-4,940	-1.0
Black, non-Hispanic	748	1,208	460	5.5
Asian, non-Hispanic	367	872	505	10.1
Hispanic	755	1,749	994	9.8
Other race, non-Hispanic	412	1,189	777	12.5
Age				
Age 16-24	6,940	7,336	396	0.6
Age 25-34	11,613	9,776	-1,837	-1.9
Age 35-44	15,645	11,505	-4,140	-3.4
Age 45-54	15,902	15,281	-621	-0.4
Age 55-64	7,445	10,725	3,280	4.1
Age 65+	2,493	3,211	718	2.9
Educational Attainment				
Less than High School	5,854	3,768	-2,086	-4.8
High School Graduate	18,711	16,612	-2,099	-1.3
Some College, no degree	13,500	14,557	1,057	0.8
Associate's Degree	5,410	5,122	-288	-0.6
Bachelor's Degree	10,149	10,730	581	0.6
Master's Degree or more	6,414	7,045	631	1.0