

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: MASSACHUSETTS (2008-2010)

Massachusetts's occupational composition, much like its industrial composition, is somewhat different from that of Berkshire. Office & Administrative Support is the largest occupation group, as in Berkshire, and accounts for over 13 percent of employment. However, the state has much stronger employment concentrations in Management, Business & Financial Operations, and Computer & Mathematical occupations. Berkshire has stronger occupational concentrations in Food Preparation & Serving and in Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance. Occupational employment trends over the past decade were quite different in Berkshire and in Massachusetts. For example, in Berkshire only seven of the 19 occupational groups increased employment over the decade, while 11 of them expanded in Massachusetts. Comparing occupational growth across geographies, we see that 14 of the 19 occupations in Massachusetts experienced stronger growth or slower declines than their occupational counterparts in Berkshire between 2000 and 2008-2010.

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

Note: All Other occupations are composed of Community & Social Services, Legal, Protective Services, Farming, Fishing & Forestry, and Military Specific. Occupations are sorted largest to smallest by size in Massachusetts. See the on-line Data Appendix for occupational employment trends.

