

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN BERKSHIRE (2000)

By looking at the educational attainment of an occupational group, we better understand the education typically required in that field of employment. In 2000, in Office & Administrative Support occupations, 44.4 percent of employees in Berkshire had Some College education or an Associate's Degree, and a slightly smaller percentage (41.6 percent) had a High School Degree or less. By comparison, 73.7 percent of employees in Education, Training, & Library Services had a Bachelor's Degree or higher, while 73.4 percent of employees in Transportation & Material Moving had a High School Degree or less. Educational attainment also gives some indication of skill requirements, but it is not a perfect proxy for skill. Some occupations require significant training or other certifications. For example, in Installation, Maintenance, & Repair occupations, 64.5 percent of employees have a High School Degree or less, but these occupations often require apprenticeships, professional certifications, or significant on-the-job training.

**Source:** US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files.

**Note:** Occupations are sorted by size in Massachusetts in 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

