

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN BERKSHIRE (2008-2010)

Over the past decade, the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher increased in 14 of the 19 major occupations in Berkshire. For example, the share of Business & Financial Operations employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher grew by over 8 percentage points to reach 60.7 percent in 2008-2010. Even occupations with a mix of educational levels, such as Office & Administrative Support, saw declines in the share of employees with a High School Degree or less and growth in the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. The educational attainment of employees even increased in occupations where workers traditionally have less education, such as Production. As such, eight occupations in the region had a majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2008-2010, while six occupations had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less. Berkshire also employs a large number of workers with Some College education or an Associate's Degree; a quarter or more of employees in 15 of the 19 occupations in the region had such educational levels in 2008-2010.

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

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

