

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

Despite the increasing levels of educational attainment across occupations in Berkshire, the region still tends to have lower levels of educational attainment compared with Massachusetts. Of the 19 major occupation groups in Massachusetts, 14 have greater shares of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher compared with those in Berkshire. These include occupations that have a majority of employees with high levels of education (e.g., Management), mixed educational attainment (e.g., Office & Administrative Support and Sales), and predominantly lower education levels (e.g., Food Preparation & Serving). However, Berkshire has higher concentrations of employees with Some College or an Associate's Degree in 16 of the 19 major occupations. As a result, only nine occupations in Massachusetts have higher shares of employees with at least some post-secondary education (Some College or higher) than in Berkshire.

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.

