

JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN BERKSHIRE (Q4 2010)

At the end of 2010, 68.0 percent of the job vacancies in Berkshire were concentrated in four occupations: Sales, Office & Administrative Support, Food Preparation & Serving, and Healthcare Practitioners & Technical. Sales positions accounted for the largest share of vacancies (38.4 percent) and the highest vacancy rate (13.4 percent) of all occupations in Berkshire. However, some of these positions, especially in retail, are seasonal in nature. Other occupations with above-average vacancy rates included Healthcare Practitioners & Technical, Computer & Mathematical, Transportation & Material Moving, and Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance occupations. Some occupational groups such as Office & Administrative Support accounted for a large number of vacancies (10.2 percent of the region's total) but had a relatively low vacancy rate (2.2 percent). Not surprisingly, the vacancy rates in occupations hit hardest by the Great Recession, such as Construction & Extraction (0.3 percent), were low in Berkshire.

Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Job Vacancy Survey.

Note: Vacancy rates are calculated by taking the total number of job vacancies and dividing by the total number employed in the occupation. An asterisk (*) indicates there were vacancies in the occupation that were suppressed due to disclosure issues.

	Number of Vacancies	Share of Vacancy (Percent)	Job Vacancy Rate (Percent)
Total	2,017	100.0	3.7
Sales	775	38.4	13.4
Office & Administrative Support	205	10.2	2.2
Food Preparation & Serving Related	193	9.6	2.9
Business & Financial Operations	16	0.8	0.8
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	199	9.9	4.7
Computer & Mathematical	*	*	4.7
Management	31	1.5	1.1
Healthcare Support	72	3.6	2.4
Transportation & Material Moving	95	4.7	4.5
Education, Training & Library	20	1.0	0.4
Personal Care & Service	*	*	1.1
Production	69	3.4	1.9
Architecture & Engineering	*	*	1.6
Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance	110	5.5	4.3
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	19	0.9	2.1
Community & Social Services	34	1.7	2.5
Life, Physical, & Social Services	*	*	7.1
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	33	1.6	1.8
Protective Service	15	0.7	1.3
Construction & Extraction	*	*	0.3