

## EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: BOSTON/METRO NORTH (2008-2010)

Industries are where people work, and occupations are what people do. Occupational data help to capture what types of workers are in demand by businesses. In Boston/Metro North, Office & Administrative Support was the largest occupational group at the end of the last decade, accounting for 12.5 percent of the region's jobs. However, the number of jobs in this occupation in 2008-2010 was actually fewer than in 2000. Management occupations were a narrow second, with 12.4 percent of the region's jobs in 2008-2010, but they have increased over the course of the last decade. Occupations that are closely associated with growing industries have also increased, such as Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Services. These occupations have very high employment concentrations in the Health Care & Social Assistance industry. Similarly, some occupations that are strongly concentrated in declining industries have contracted, such as Production occupations in the Manufacturing sector.

**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 in 2008-2010. See the on-line Data Appendix for occupational employment trends.

