

COMMUTING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN METRO SOUTH/WEST (2008-2010)

Metro South/West is closely tied to its neighboring labor markets and relies on workers from outside of the region. While 58 percent of the employed residents of the region also work in the region, nearly 27 percent of Metro South/West residents commute to the Boston/Metro North region for work, and another 13 percent commute to other bordering regions (i.e. Southeast, Central Mass, and Northeast). Metro South/West also has a large number of employees commuting into the region, with 41 percent coming from bordering regions and additional commuters from New Hampshire (2.4 percent) and Rhode Island (2.5 percent). Overall, Metro South/West is a net importer of workers, with 60,000 more employees commuting into the region for work than residents commuting out.

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

	Number	Percent of Total
Total number of employed persons living in Metro South/West...	538,965	100.0
...who work in:		
Metro South/West	312,625	58.0
Boston/Metro North	143,259	26.6
Southeast	26,439	4.9
Central Mass	23,306	4.3
Northeast	18,260	3.4
Other parts of Massachusetts	1,706	0.3
Rhode Island	6,361	1.2
New Hampshire	2,559	0.5
Other places outside Massachusetts	4,450	0.8
Total number of persons working in Metro South/West...	599,083	100.0
...who live in:		
Metro South/West	312,625	52.2
Boston/Metro North	85,621	14.3
Southeast	57,855	9.7
Central Mass	56,392	9.4
Northeast	45,878	7.7
Other parts of Massachusetts	4,964	0.8
Rhode Island	15,028	2.5
New Hampshire	14,430	2.4
Other places outside Massachusetts	6,290	1.0
Net In-Commuting (Number of Persons Employed in Region Minus Number of Persons Living in Region)	60,118	-