

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR INDUSTRY IN METRO SOUTH/WEST (2008-2010)

With a highly educated population working in Metro South/West, it is not surprising that most industries in the region have a highly educated workforce. In 2008-2010, 11 of the 17 major industries in the region had a workforce where more than 40 percent of employees had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. In particular, the region had a high concentration of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in industries that typically employ less educated workers: Manufacturing (52.9 percent) and Wholesale Trade (44.4 percent). In fact, only six industries in the region had employees with educational levels of a High School Degree or less as their largest category. Even in these industries, the majority of employees tend to have at least Some College education or higher, with the exception of Construction and Accommodation & Food Services which have a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less.

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010.

