

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

Over the past decade, the education levels of workers in nearly all occupations have increased. For example, the share of employees working in management jobs who hold a Bachelor's Degree or higher grew by over 4 percentage points to reach 71.4 percent in 2008-2010. Even occupations with a mix of educational levels, such as Office & Administrative Support, saw declines in the share of employees with an Associate's Degree or less and growth in the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. The educational attainment of employees even increased in occupations where workers traditionally have less education, such as Production. As such, nine occupations in the region had a majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2008-2010, while six occupations had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less. The remaining four occupational groups had a majority of employees with Some College education or higher.

**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.

