

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR INDUSTRY IN MASSACHUSETTS (2008-2010)

The educational attainment across industries in Massachusetts was much higher than in the Southeast region in 2008-2010. In Massachusetts, 10 of the 17 major industries had a workforce where the largest share of employees had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. And in nearly every major industry statewide, the share of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher was greater than their industrial counterparts in the Southeast region, save for Transportation & Warehousing. Such differences may be partly explained by employers in the region hiring individuals with other forms of post-secondary education for jobs that require a Bachelor's Degree elsewhere. This is reflected by the larger concentration of employees with Some College or an Associate's Degree in the Southeast region, relative to the state, in 14 of the 17 major industries. However, every industry in Massachusetts has a lower share of employees with a High School Degree or less and a higher share of employees with some post-secondary education (Some College or higher) than in the Southeast region.

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

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

