

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: THE SOUTHEAST REGION (2008-2010)

Industries are where people work; occupations are what people do. Occupational data help to reveal what types of workers are in demand by businesses. In the Southeast region, Office & Administrative Support was the largest occupational group in 2008-2010, accounting for 14.9 percent of the region's jobs. However, the number of jobs in this occupation was actually fewer than in 2000. Sales was the second largest occupational group, accounting for 13.1 percent of the region's jobs and have been growing over the course of the decade. Occupations that are closely associated with growing industries increased, such as Healthcare Support occupations with a very high employment concentration in Health Care & Social Assistance. 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.

