

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION (2000)

By looking at the educational attainment of an occupational group, we better understand the education typically required in that field of employment. In 2000, in Office & Administrative Support occupations, 40.7 percent of employees in the Southeast region had Some College education or an Associate's Degree, but a higher percentage (46.1 percent) had a High School Degree or less. By comparison, 74.8 percent of employees in Education, Training, & Library Services had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. In total, six occupations in the region had a majority of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2000, while eight occupations had a majority of employees with a High School Degree or less. Of note, educational attainment gives some indication of the skills requirement, but it is not a perfect proxy for skill. Some occupations require significant training, certifications, or other credentials. For example, in Installation, Maintenance, & Repair occupations, 64.7 percent of employees have a High School Degree or less, but these occupations often require apprenticeships, professional certifications, or significant on-the-job training.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files.

Note: Occupations are sorted by size in Massachusetts in 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

