

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

Despite the increasing levels of educational attainment across occupations, the Southeast region still tends to have lower levels of educational attainment compared with Massachusetts. In fact, all 19 major occupations in Massachusetts had greater shares of employees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher compared with those in the Southeast region in 2008-2010. However, the Southeast region had much higher concentrations of employees with Some College or an Associate's Degree in 15 of the 19 major occupations. The exceptions were largely in fields such as Production, Transportation & Materials Moving, and Installation, Maintenance, & Repair occupations, where the majority of employees had a High School Degree or less. The higher concentrations of employees with Some College or an Associate's Degree may be partly attributable to regional employers hiring workers with other forms of post-secondary education for jobs that require a Bachelor's Degree elsewhere. However, every occupation had 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) in Massachusetts than in the Southeast region.

**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.

