

JOB VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES BY MAJOR OCCUPATION: THE SOUTHEAST REGION (Q4 2010)

At the end of 2010, 47.5 percent of the vacancies in the Southeast region were concentrated in three occupations (Sales, Office & Administrative Support, and Food Preparation & Serving). Sales occupations accounted for the largest share of vacancies (19.9 percent), while the highest vacancy rate in the region was in Business & Financial Operations (4.9 percent). Healthcare Support occupations also had a large number of vacancies and an above-average vacancy rate. In contrast, Office & Administrative Support was an example of an occupational group with a large share of total vacancies (13.9 percent) but a relatively low vacancy rate (1.9 percent). Not surprisingly, the vacancy rates in occupations hit hardest by the Great Recession were low in the region, such as Construction & Extraction (0.5 percent) and Production (1.1 percent).

Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Job Vacancy Survey.

Note: Vacancy rates are calculated by taking the total number of job vacancies and dividing by the total number employed in the occupation. An asterisk (*) indicates there were vacancies in the occupation that were suppressed due to disclosure issues.

	Number of Vacancies	Share of Vacancy (Percent)	Job Vacancy Rate (Percent)
Total	8,585	100.0	2.5
Sales	1,707	19.9	4.0
Office & Administrative Support	1,192	13.9	1.9
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,176	13.7	3.6
Business & Financial Operations	575	6.7	4.9
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	656	7.6	2.6
Computer & Mathematical	120	1.4	2.2
Management	134	1.6	0.8
Healthcare Support	556	6.5	4.2
Transportation & Material Moving	539	6.3	1.9
Education, Training, & Library	173	2.0	0.6
Personal Care & Service	214	2.5	2.1
Production	336	3.9	1.1
Architecture & Engineering	71	0.8	1.1
Building, Grounds Cleaning, & Maintenance	280	3.3	3.0
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	87	1.0	2.3
Community & Social Services	176	2.1	2.1
Life, Physical, & Social Services	106	1.2	4.6
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	321	3.7	2.5
Protective Service	75	0.9	0.8
Construction & Extraction	82	1.0	0.5
Legal	*	-	0.3