

Employment

Table 4.1 Labor Force Status (2000) *		
	Number	Percent
Total employed	17,669	56.9
Total unemployed	231	1.3
Not in labor force	10,976	35.3
Male	5,162	34.9
Female	5,814	35.7
Total males 16 years and over	14,809	x
Total females 16 years and over	16,269	x
Total 16 years and over	31,078	x

* Not including Armed Forces. The total and percent employed and the total and percent unemployed are from Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training. The US Census figures for some places with colleges, including Amherst, overstate the number in the labor force and the unemployment percentage.

Table 4.2 Employed Persons by Industry (2000)		
	Number	Percent
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, mining	66	.4
Construction	199	1.1
Manufacturing	655	3.6
Transportation, warehousing, utilities	294	1.6
Information	668	3.6
Wholesale trade	159	.9
Retail trade	1,476	8.0
Finance, insurance, real estate	570	3.1
Professional, scientific, management, administrative*	1,331	7.2
Educational, health, social services	9,568	51.9
Arts, entertainment, rec., accommodation, food service*	2,217	12.0
Other services (except public administration)*	830	4.5
Public administration	400	2.2
Total	18,433	100.0

Table 4.3 Employed Persons by Occupation (2000)		
	Number	Percent
Management and professional*	9,238	50.1
Service occupations*	3,111	16.9
Sales and office occupations*	4,596	24.9
Farming, fishing, and forestry	79	.4
Construction, extraction, maintenance*	376	2.0
Production, transportation, material moving*	1,033	5.6
Total employed population (16 and over)	18,433	100.0

*These are new categories or aggregations of previous categories for 2000, which makes comparison with historical data problematic.

Chart 4.1

Employment by Industry, 2000

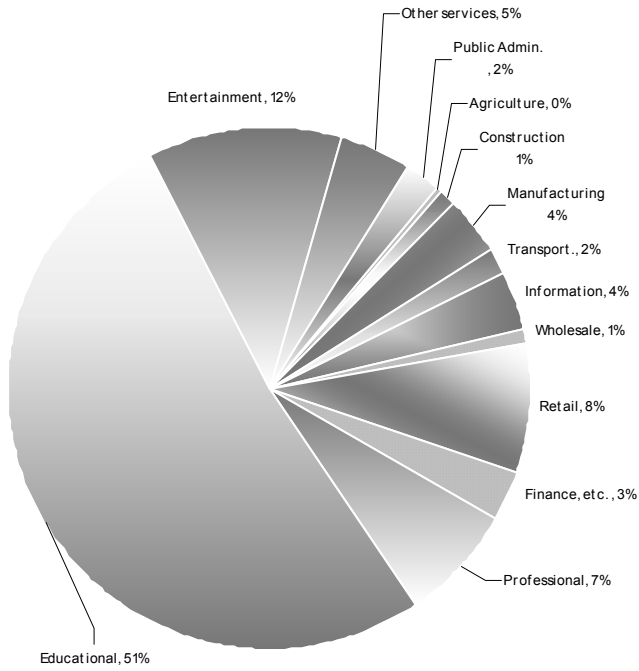


Table 4.4 Largest Employers in Amherst (2000) *	
University of Massachusetts	7,740 (1)
Amherst School District	814 (2001)
Amherst College	746
Hampshire College	430
Town of Amherst	560
Center for Extended Care	180
Big Y Supermarket	160
National Evaluation Systems	150
Amherst Medical	140
Atkins Country Farm Market	120
Amherst Post Offices	70
Judie's	60

* Planning Department survey. Includes both full and part-time employees.
 (1) Includes 2,524 part-time graduate students with an assistantship appointment.

Table 4.5 Average Annual Employment in Amherst Establishments* (2000)	
Government	5,203
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	172
Construction	106
Manufacturing	171
Transport/Comm./Utilities	123
Wholesale/Retail	2,095
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	326
Services	4,209
Total	12,413
Number of Establishments	663
Average Annual Wage	\$36,043
Total Annual Payroll (in thousands)	\$447,396

* Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training. Establishments subject to unemployment compensation laws.

Table 4.6 Number of Establishments by Industry (2000) *	
Industry	Number of Firms
Government	26
Services	339
Retail Trade	138
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	52
Manufacturing	30
Agriculture, Forestry	18
Transportation, Utilities	16
Construction	25
Wholesale Trade	18
Total	663

* Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training.